

## 1731

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for the annual meeting in March, the tenth day,  
in the year 1731.**

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

Secondly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine going at large, the year ensuing.

**Stephen Barker Moderator**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731,  
the Town voted and chose Stephen Barker Jun. moderator for that meeting.

**Asie Swan Town Clerk.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

**John Cross Constable.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose John Cross, Constable for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

**Asie Swan Selectman.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose Asie Swan selectman for the year ensuing.

**Thomas Messer Selectman.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose Thomas Messer, selectman for the year ensuing.

**Benjamin Stevens Selectman.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose Benjamin Stevens selectman for the year ensuing.

**Daniel Bodwell Town Treasurer.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose Daniel Bodwell Town Treasurer and he was sworn to that office for the year ensuing.

**John Bailey Tithingman.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose John Bailey, Tithingman for the year ensuing.

**John Hibberd Tithingman.**

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the Town voted and chose John Hibberd, Tithingman for the year ensuing.

highways	John Messer	Thomas Austin	Surveyors of
Voted and chose ensuing & they	Richard Swan	John Tibbets	}
	James Bodwell	Daniel Peaslee	for the year were sworn to
that office.			
Voted and chose	Francis Swan	} Surveyors of lumber, & they Ebenezer Barker	were sworn to that office.
Voted and chose for the year	Daniel Lancaster	John Gutterson Jun.	}  Fence viewers
sworn to office.	Richard Messer	Ebenezer Barker	ensuing &
Voted and chose	Samuel Clark	} Field drivers for the year Joseph Gutterson	ensuing, and sworn to that office.
Voted and chose	Abiel Kelley	} Hogreeves for the year James Wilson	ensuing and sworn to that office.
	Henry Green		

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731,  
the Town voted that hogs should go at large this year.

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731,  
the Town voted that the widow Hastings' rate that is in Henry Bodwell's list shall be omitted.

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731, the  
Town voted that Mr. Abel Huse of Newbury, his non-resident rate, that is in Henry Bodwell's  
list, shall be omitted.

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731,  
the Town voted that they will choose another man to join with the other committee  
that  
was chosen to go the General Court for the province land.

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731,  
the Town voted and chose Daniel Bodwell to join with the other committee that were  
chosen  
to go to the great and General Court, for to procure the province land that lays in this  
Town.

At a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, in the year 1731,  
the Town voted that Cornalls Davis' and Theodore Adrisen's nonresident rate, that is  
in  
Henry Bodwell's list shall be omitted.

44. **At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, warned for the choice of a representative on May the 17 day, 1731**, it was then put to vote, to see if the Town would choose a Representative, to represent them at the great and General Court, and was voted in the negative.

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting, upon December the 21 day in the year 1731, are as followeth viz.**

1. To bring Town debts.

Secondly, to see what money the Town will allow to be raised, to defray the Town charges.

3. To choose a third selectman to fill the vacancy that is made by death in that office.

4. To see what method the Town will take in order to the seating of the meeting house in said Town and what else may be thought most proper for the Town's interest, when convened together.

**Said meeting was on the 21 day of December, in the year 1731.**

The Town voted and chose Daniel Bodwell moderator for this meeting.

Voted to Samuel Smith 1-14-0 shillings 21 day of December 1731.

Voted to Samuel Smith 0-8-0 shillings 21 day of December 1731.

Voted that the bill of cost that the committee brought in, for the work done about the finishing the meeting house, in the year 1731, should be allowed, except ten shillings that were taken off by a vote from Francis Swan's wages; the whole being 51-3-6.

Asie Swan

Voted & chose Daniel Bodwell } Committeemen to seat the meetinghouse.  
Ebenezer Barker

Voted that the committee shall seat the meetinghouse by the Town rate yearly, since the meeting house was begun till this time.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 21 day of December 1731, to John Cross  
for sweeping the meeting house this year 1-0-0.

45. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 21, 1731, to raise 57-0-0 to defray Town charges this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on December the 21 day 1731, to the Selectmen,  
for services done the Town this year 1-10-0.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 21, 1731, to keep school one month at Ebenezer Barker's house, and one month at Thomas Eaton's house, and one month at Joshua Swan's house, or some near neighbor's house.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 21, 1731, that the committee shall be dismissed, that were chosen to finish the meeting house.

Voted and dismissed the committee that was chosen to go to the General Court to procure the Province land that lays in our Town, December 21, 1731.

**Committee to go to Boston to get the Province land.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 21, 1731, and chose Daniel Bodwell, Daniel Peaslee, and Ezra Merrick committee to go to Boston to get the Province land lying in this Town.

## **1732**

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in January the 25 day,**

**1731-2,** then & there to choose a committee to lay out roads where it may be found necessary

and convenient for the Town's use. Said meeting was warned by Asie Swan and Thomas Messer selectmen.

**At a legal Town meeting in Methuen on January 25 day, in year 1731, 2,** the Town voted

and chose Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting. (At the same meeting) the Town voted

that they will not choose a committee to lay out any way or road.

**March meeting 1731,2.**

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in March, the 8 day, 1731,2,**

**are as followeth viz.**

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

Secondly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine going at large, for the year.

Thirdly, to see if the Town will ease some of the inhabitants of the northerly part of the

(Town) somewhat of their burden which they labor under, in paying two ministers in the winter.

Fourthly, to see if the Town will give liberty for persons to make them convenient seats in the meeting house.

Fifthly, to choose men to clear the fish courses in the Town.

**Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 1731,2,** and chose Stephen Barker Jun. moderator for this meeting.

46. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 1731,2, and chose Asie Swan, Town Clerk, for the year ensuing, and Swan to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Nathaniel Messer, constable for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Stephen Barker Jun. selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Thomas Eaton, selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 8, 1731,2, and chose Daniel Peaslee, selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 1731,2, and chose Daniel Bodwell, Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8<sup>th</sup> 1731,2, and chose James How  
and John Gutterson Jun. Tithingman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose

Richard Swan	Samuel Currier	Surveyors of highways
Richard Messer	Daniel Peaslee	} for the year ensuing
Abel Merrill	Ebenezer Barker	and sworn to that office.
Thomas Silver		

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Richard Swan  
and Jonathan Corliss, Field drivers.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Samuel Huse  
and William Gutterson, fence viewers for the year ensuing and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Francis Swan  
and Ebenezer Barker, surveyors of lumber for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Thomas Silver  
and James Davis to clear the fish courses in our Town this year, and Thomas Silver is  
sworn to  
that office.

47. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, that swine shall go at large this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8, 1731,2, and chose Joshua Emerson Jun. and William Cross Jun. Hogreeves for the year ensuing and sworn to that office.

At a Town meeting in Methuen warned by the selectmen to choose a man to represent the Town at the great and General Court and it being put to vote to see if the Town will choose a representative and the Town voted in the negative.

**Dated Methuen, May 19,1732.**

Methuen

Stephen Barker

Daniel Peaslee } Selectmen of

Thomas Eaton

Stephen Barker, Daniel Peaslee, and Thomas Eaton chosen selectmen for the year 1732, and sworn to the faithful discharge of their office.

**Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on the 21 day of December, in the year 1731,**  
to the widow of Benjamin Stevens ten shillings for his going to Newbury to get off the fine  
that was laid on our Town for not having a school in it.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on the 21 day of December in the year 1731, eleven shillings and eight pence to Caleb Richardson.

**Essex. To Nathaniel Messer, constable of Methuen.**

In his Majesty's name, you are required forthwith to warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of this Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble themselves at the meetinghouse in Methuen, on Thursday,

the nineteenth day of October current, at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there  
to act upon the following particulars; that is to say;

First to see if the Town will accept of the reckoning which the Selectmen have made with  
Mr. Daniel Bodwell, Treasurer for the year 1730, and the year 1731, and if not, to see if the  
Town will choose a committee to reckon with said treasurer.

2. To bring in Town debts and to see what the Town will allow of.
3. To see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges, and any other business that the Town shall see cause to act upon when convened together.

**Dated at Methuen, the fourth day of October 1732.**

Stephen Barker } Selectmen  
Thomas Eaton    of Methuen

48. **Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, and chose Stephen Barker Jun. moderator for this meeting.**

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Richard Swan eleven shillings for plank for the bridges.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Thomas Eaton forty shillings for keeping school.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Ebenezer Barker ten shillings for keeping school.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to John Cross twenty shillings for sweeping the meeting house.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to the selectmen thirty shillings for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Joshua Swan forty shillings for laying out a school farm and a parsonage.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Daniel Bodwell  
Twenty four shillings for services done the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Francis Swan  
twenty shillings for his keeping school.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to Nathaniel  
Messer,  
constable, the one half of what money that he gathers out of this Town, for his  
services  
in that office.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to raise twenty  
pounds  
to defray Town charges this year.

49. Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, and chose Capt.  
Joshua  
Swan to go to court to pray for favor, that the Town may be defended from the charge  
that  
may arise about the highway that the jury laid out in our Town, against Mr. Daniel  
Gage's  
boating place.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, to keep school in  
the  
same quarters of the Town that they did last winter.

**Methuen, October 16, 1732.** We, the subscribers, have made up an account with  
Daniel  
Bodwell, Treasurer for Methuen, for the year 1730 and 1731, and find that when all  
his  
orders are answered, there is in his hands, of the Town's money. 22 £ 18 s 2 d.

Voted at a legal Town meetingMethuen, on October the 19, 1732, and accepted this  
reckoning.

Stephen Barker } Selectmen  
Thomas Eaton    of Methuen

**Essex. SS. To Nathaniel Messer constable of Methuen greeting.**

In his Majesty's  
name you

are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders, and other inhabitants of this Town  
qualified  
by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble themselves at the meeting house in said  
Town on Monday, the sixth day of November, at two of the clock in the afternoon, then  
and there to see  
if the Town will empower the committee to go to the General Court in said Province, to  
see if  
they will be pleased to give to the said Town the country land lying in said Township.  
Warned  
by the desire of several of the inhabitants of this Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to one or more of the subscribers,  
at or  
before the said time of meeting.

**Dated at Methuen, November, the 3 day 1732.**

Thomas Eaton } Selectmen  
Daniel Peaslee of Methuen

**Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 6 day of November, 1732, and**  
chose  
Daniel Bodwell, moderator for this meeting.

#### **Committee to the General Court**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 6 day of November, 1732, and  
chose  
Daniel Bodwell, Daniel Peaslee, and Ezra Merrick a committee to prefer a petition to  
the  
great and General Court of this province, in behalf of the Town, for the province land  
which  
lyeth within this Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 6 day of November, 1732, that the  
committee  
shall draw six pounds out of the treasury, towards their charges, in going to the General  
Court for  
the Province land.

**1733**

50. **March 14, 1732,3,** At annual Town meeting in Methuen, at the request of Capt. Abraham Adams,  
the inhabitants of this Town manifested by a majority of votes, their free consent that the  
highway which was laid out on said Adams' land, should be removed from the place  
where it was laid, and  
laid on the south side of his land next to Mr. Messer's land.

**March meeting 1732-3.**

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for annual Town meeting in March, on  
the  
14 day, 1732,3.**

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs.

2. To see whether the Town will give liberty for swine going at large, the year  
ensuing.

3. To see whether the Town will choose a man or more to clear the fish courses.

**Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3,** and chose  
Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose  
Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose  
Richard Kelly, constable or the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March, the 14, 1732,3, and chose

Daniel Bodwell      Selectmen      Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on  
Ebenezer Barker    }      of      }      March the 14, 1732,3, and chose John Gutterson  
Jun.

Asie Swan      Methuen      Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose

Henry Sanders      John Cross      Surveyors of highways  
James How      Stephen Barker Jun. } for the year ensuing  
Thomas Messer      Ezra Merrick      and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose Evan Jones and Joseph Morse, Tithingmen for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 1732,3, and chose

51.      Samuel Stevens      John Cross &      Fence viewers for the year  
                  Samuel Huse      Daniel Peaslee }      ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose

Francis Swan &      } Field drivers for  
William Cross Jun.      the year ensuing

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose  
Francis Swan  
and Ebenezer Barker, Surveyors of lumber, for the year ensuing.

**Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose Daniel Bodwell, clerk of the market for the sealing of weights and measures for the year ensuing.**

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose

Jonathan Hartshorn  
Joseph Morse, Jun. & } Hogreeves for the year ensuing.  
Joshua Peaslee

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3 that the swine may go at large for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14, 1732,3, and chose the Selectmen to take care that the fish have a convenient course over Mr. Huse's mill dam that is in Spicket River.

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on May 21, 1733, are as followeth, viz.**

To consider about a bridge which is over the Spickett River, near to Daniel Peaslee's, upon the country road, and to repair the same, or to remove the said bridge into any other place as is convenient, as the Town will allow.

52. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 21, 1733, and chose Daniel Bodwell moderator.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 21, 1733, not to act upon the first article inserted in the warning.

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting, upon September the 21 day, 1733, are as followeth, viz.**

First, to act what may be needful concerning fencing the burying place.

Secondly, to act what the Town shall think best concerning a school in the Town.

Thirdly, to see what the Town will do concerning the highway that hath been lately laid out from Gage's Ferry, so called, to the former highway.

Fourthly, to bring in Town debts, and see what debts the Town will allow of.

Fifthly, to see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges.

Sixthly, to choose a committee, if the Town see cause, to reckon with the Town Treasurer for the years 1730-31-32.

Seventhly, to see what encouragement the Town will give for the killing of wolves.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on September, the 21 day, 1733, and chose

Capt. Joshua Swan, moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day, 1733, to give Richard

Swan ten pounds, for to make a sufficient stone wall about part of the burying place; said wall

to be seven rods on each side, and six on each end.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day, 1733, that school be left to the selectmen, provided the school be kept at the same places that they have been formerly kept at.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day, 1733, not to act upon the third article inserted in the warning.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, to Richard Swan five pounds, and nineteen shillings for his going to Boston and Salem to try for the Province land that lays in this our Township.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, to Constable Kelly, one pound, fifteen shillings, for gathering the rates out of Town that are set forth in his list.

Voted, to lieut. Daniel Bodwell ten shillings for making rates, and sixteen shillings for running lines round the Town this year 1733.

Voted to Asie Swan ten shillings for services in making rates, and sixteen shillings for running lines round the Town in the year 1733.

Voted to Ebenezer Barker ten shillings for his services in making rates this year September the 21 day, 1733.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day in the year 1733, and chose Stephen Barker Jun., Thomas Eaton, and Richard Swan, a committee to reckon with Daniel Bodwell, Treasurer for the years 1730,31,32.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day, 1733, to raise forty pounds to defray Town charges this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, to give fifteen shillings for the killing of a grown wolf in this Town, and five shillings for a bitch wolf whelp under a year old.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, that the selectmen prove the line between Dracut and Methuen, north from Merrimack River, by running it with an artist.

**Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, to Lieut.**

Daniel Bodwell, fifteen pounds, nine shillings and eight pence, for his time and charge in going to Boston to try for the Province land that lays in this Township.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, to Henry Sanders one pound, ten shillings for plank for a bridge at Peaslee's mill.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September the 21 day 1733, to Francis Swan, ten shillings.

**Warning for a March meeting, 13 day, 1734.**

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for the annual Town meeting in March,  
on  
the 13 day 1734.**

First to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

Secondly, to see what the Town will do, towards building school house.

Thirdly, to see if the Town will give liberty for swine going at large, within the Town,  
the  
year ensuing.

Fourthly, to see what encouragement the Town will give for the killing wolves.

Fifthly, to see whether the Town will set off for a precinct or a parish, the north part  
of Town.

Sixthly, to see if the Town will do something to Spickett Bridge by Daniel Peaslee's  
house by  
a rate or otherwise.

Seventhly, to see if the Town will grant liberty to such persons as shall then petition  
for the same, to build themselves a pew or pews in the meeting house in the  
hinddermost seats in the galleries.

Warned by      Daniel Bodwell

**Dated at Methuen, 22, 1733-4**

Ebenezer Barker      }      Selectmen  
Asie Swan              }      of Methuen

**Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and  
chose Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.**

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and chose  
Asie Swan

**Town Clerk** for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and chose  
Ebenezer Barker **Constable** for the year ensuing.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and chose  
John Gutterson Jun. **Town Treasurer** for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and chose Asie Swan, Daniel Bodwell, and Peter Merrill, **Selectmen** of Methuen.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and chose

Joseph Morse	Nathaniel Messer	Surveyors of highways
Jonathan Barker	James How and	} for the year ensuing,
Capt. Joshua Swan	Daniel Peaslee	and sworn.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1733,4, and chose James How and John Tibbets, Fence viewers for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, Evan James, and Deacon James Wilson, Tithingmen for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March 13, 1733,4, and chose Ebenezer Barker and William Cross Jun., Surveyors of lumber and sworn.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, and chose Francis Swan and Joseph Stevens, Field drivers for the year ensuing.

55. Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, and chose John Mecorde, and Jonathan Hartshorn and Josiah Emerson, Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Said Hartshorn and Emerson are sworn to the office.

Constable's allowance:

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, to the constable Ebenezer Barker, the one half of what is assessed on the inhabitants of other Towns, set forth in his list.

Stock of powder:

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, to raise thirty five pounds to provide a stock of powder and bullets and flints.

Hogs going at large:

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, that the hogs may go at large the year ensuing.

School House:

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, to see if the Town will build a schoolhouse, and it was voted in the negative.

Killing wolves:

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, to give twenty shillings for The killing of a grown wolf, and eight shillings for the killing of a bitch wolf's whelp.

Voted, at the annual meeting in Methuen, on March the 13, 1733,4, to see whether the Town will set off the north part of the Town for a parish or precinct, and voted in the negative.

### **Spicket hill petition**

**March the 13, 1733,4.** We, the inhabitants of the north part of the Town of Methuen, living distant from the public worship of God, and laboring under great difficulty thereby; although we are but small in number at present, and not able, according to appearance, to maintain the public worship of God amongst ourselves, yet hoping for the blessing of God on our endeavors, we have thought fit to make our request to our fathers and brethren of said Town, now assembled, to see if they will be pleased to give their consent to set us off to be a distinct parish by ourselves.

This is the humble petition of the subscribers, that the Town would be pleased to grant us a line as followeth, viz.

Beginning at the middle of the World's End pond so called, thence running a west line so far until it comes to Dracut line, thence running an east line until it comes to Haverhill line. And if it pleases our fathers and brethren of the Town to grant our request in this respect, we hope by the blessing of God, we shall be enabled to maintain the public worship of God among ourselves.

This petition was signed by Abiel Kelly, Joseph Peaslee, Evan Jones, Baenoi Rowell, Richard Kelly, Daniel Peaslee, and several others of the inhabitants of that part of the Town.

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, now assembled, March 13, 1733,4,**

A petition Gentlemen,  
for the west

end of the front gallery for a pew  
The petition of the subscribers is, that you would be pleased to grant us a  
convenient width for a pew in the hindermost seat in the west end of the front gallery in the meeting  
house; and in so doing, you will oblige your humble petitioners.

William Cross Jun.      Thomas Cross      William Sanders  
Ebenezer Hibberd      James Bodwell Jun.      Joseph Cross

This petition was voted in the affirmation, on March 13, 1733, 4

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, now assembled, March 13, 1733,4**

Pew at the Gentlemen,  
east end of  
the hinder The petition of the subscribers is, that you would be pleased to grant us a  
convenient width  
seat of the for a pew in the hindermost seat in the east end of the front gallery, in the meeting  
house; and in so  
front gallery doing, you will oblige your humble petitioners.

Joanna Gutterson      Sarah Merrill      Tiffin Bodwell  
Mary Morse      Hannah Bodwell      Abigail Messer

This petition was voted in the affirmative, on March 13, 1733, 4.

## Reckoning with the Town Treasurer

**Methuen, March 12, 1734.** We, the subscribers, being chosen a committee, have proceeded, on the day above mentioned, to reckon with Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, the former Town Treasurer, and have viewed his orders and receipts, and find the receipts in full for Mr. Sargent's salary for the three years that the said Bodwell served as Treasurer, and we find when all the orders are answered, that there are 25-4-3 due from the said Treasurer to the Town.

Stephen Barker  
Richard Swan      } Committee.  
Thomas Eaton

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 13, 1733,4, that the 25-4-3 that remains in his order, be paid to John Gutterson; Treasurer for the Town's use.

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22 day, 1734, are as followeth viz.**

First, to bring in Town debts, and to see what debts the Town will allow of.

2. To see if the Town will choose and empower a committee, or take some other lawful means to reckon with the former Treasurers of this Town, so that those persons that the Town is indebted to, may have their just due from the Town.
2. To see what the Town will do, concerning their interest in the ferries against this Town.
4. To see what the Town will do concerning hiring a minister for four months in the winter season, for the north end of the Town.
5. To see what the Town will do concerning laying out roads in this Town.

Signed by      Asie Swan  
                    Daniel Bodwell      } Selectmen  
of Methuen.  
                    Peter Merrill

57. **Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22 day, 1734, and chose Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.**

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22 day, 1734, to give Zebediah Barker ten shillings more than was allowed to him for keeping school the last year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22, 1734, to Ezra Merrick one pound, four shillings, for his going to Boston to petition the great and General Court for the province land lying in this Town.

Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22, 1734, to add ten pounds more to the minister rate the next year, in answer to a petition of Spickett Hill people for some ease in their cost in hiring a minister to preach amongst them four months in the winter season, the next winter, if they hire one four months.

The fifth article in the warning is voted in the negative, on October 22 day, 1734.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22 day, 1734, and granted to Daniel Bodwell, their interest in his ferry against his own land, provided he carries a man and a horse over for a groat and a single person for a penny, and make it his practice for this Town's people.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22, 1734, to Daniel Bodwell thirty-five shillings for plank enough for to cover that bridge across Spickett river in the country road.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22 day, 1734, that the selectmen provide plank for the bridges in the said Town.

**Adam's Ferry.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22, 1734, and granted to Capt. Abraham

Adams the Town's interest in the ferry adjoining his land in this Town except for rates, and passing for the lowest price as is usual, and provided he shall take eight pounds in full for the highway that is laid out across his land in this Town, and that he and his heirs and assigns shall keep a boat on this side of the river.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October 22, 1734, that Ebenezer Barker , Joshua

Gutterson, and Peter Merrill be a committee to reckon with Capt. Joshua Swan respecting his Treasurership in this Town, for the year 1728 and 1729; and in case the said Joshua Swan shall neglect or refuse to render to them a satisfactory account of all his receipts & disbursements, & pay the arrears, if any be; then the said committee or any two of them, are hereby empowered in the name & on behalf of the Town, to prosecute him in the law for such neglect.

**58. The particulars mentioned in a warning for annual March meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1734, are as followeth viz.**

- First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing.
- 2. To see what the Town will do concerning School houses.
- 3. To see whether the Town will allow the highways to be recorded that have been laid out this year by the selectmen of this Town.
- 3. To see what the Town will further do about maintaining at Spickett Hill.
- 4. To see what the Town will do, concerning swine going at large for the year ensuing.
- 5. To see if the Town will vote for the Trustees to call in the bank money, and a it into the

Province Treasurer and clear the Town from it.

Warned by Ebenezer Barker, constable, by the orders of us the subscribers.

**Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1734,  
and chose Ens. James Davis, moderator for that meeting.**

## Town Clerk

At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose  
Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

## Constable

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose John Harris, constable for the year ensuing, and he declared his non-accepting of the office of a constable in this Town meeting, for this year.

## Constable

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Daniel Peaslee constable, for the year ensuing, and he declared his non-acceptance, and paid his fine of five pounds, as the law directs, for his not serving constable.

## Constable

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Thomas Richardson constable for the year ensuing, and Town voted and accepted of Samuel Pottle to serve constable in his room for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

## Selectmen

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Peter Merrill, Nathaniel Messer, and Ebenezer Barker Selectmen for the year ensuing, and they have taken an oath of assessors as the law directs, for the year ensuing.

## Town Treasurer

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, & he is sworn to that office, for the year ensuing.

#### **Tithingmen.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Joseph Morse, John Bailey, and Dea. James Wilson, Tithingmen for the year ensuing.

#### **Surveyors of Highways.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, Asie Swan, Richard Messer, John Tibbets, Richard Kelly, and John Harris, Surveyors of Highways, for the year ensuing, and are sworn to that office for the year ensuing.

#### **Clerk of the Market.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose James How, Clerk of the market for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Joseph Morse Surveyor of Hemp and flax for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

#### **Hogreeves.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Jonathan Hartshorn and Abiel Kelly Jun. to serve Hogreeves for the year ensuing and sworn to that office.

#### **Fence Viewers.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Jonathan Barker, Joseph Stevens, and Edward Clark, fence viewers for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

#### **Houards.**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 17, 1734, and chose Timothy Swan and Joseph Stevens Houards for the year ensuing.

## **Negative vote.**

The second article in the warning for March meeting in the year 1734, was voted in the negative.

We, the subscribers, being petitioned to by sundry of the inhabitants of this Town, to lay out a road in this Town viz. Beginning near to Swan's Mills, near Spickett Falls, in the old path, and so eastwardly as the path is now trod, down the dug down way through Swan's land to Timothy Merrick's land, and so through said Merrick's land as the old path goes, till it comes to Asie Swan's land, and still as the path goes to Joseph Stevens' land, as the path goes till it comes against his house, and then as the trees are marked across a swamp, till it comes to the path, and so along the path to the meeting house, and so northeastwardly through Mr. Sargent's land, till it comes to land of Richard Swan, and still along the path till it comes to a marked tree, and then

over Bloody brook, and so along as the trees are marked, to land of Robert Swan, and so as the trees are marked, the south side of his house, and so along to a stake upon the line between Robert and Asie Swan's land, till it comes to a run that runs into Bear Meadow swamp, and then across Asie Swan's land as the trees are marked, and so on the same course to the end of the point of the upland, at the mouth of Whittier cove, and so across the narrow place of the meadow at the mouth of the cove, and so along through Thomas Whittier's land as the trees are marked, to a run by the path at his barn, the road laying two roads wide on the north side of the marked trees, from the meeting house to Whittier's barn, and then along the path as the path is now trod, till it comes to the old path that is now fenced in by the window Rachel Whittier's, and so across the brook at the old ford way by the Beaver dam and so along between Daniel Lancaster's house and barn, and so through Richard Messer's land to his brother Nathaniel Messer's land, and so to an elm tree standing by a brook, and so along upon Thomas Messer's land, by Capt. Adams' land to the Country Road. This above written return was presented to the Town, in the annual meeting, in March, the 12 day, 1734, and was accepted, and the Town voted that the same shall be recorded.

60. Highway

Whereas the Selectmen of Dracut wrote to the Selectmen of Methuen, to lay out a road through the upper end of our Town, to their Town; so that there may be convenient passing from Town to Town; whereupon, we the subscribers have laid out a road, beginning at the westerly end of

the highway that the Selectmen of Haverhill laid out to go to Dracut, in beginning at a black oak bush standing at the westerly end of the old road aforesaid, and so along to the southeast side of William Linsey's house to a white oak bush, standing by the brook that comes out of the meadow; and so along as the trees are marked across the plain, till it comes to the old path, and so along as the path goes, till it comes to a little run, and then as the trees are marked, till it comes to Dracut line, where Dracut Selectmen met us with their road. Said road is laid out in out in our Town, two rods wide, upon the easterly side of the marked trees.

Laid out by us, the subscribers, }  
**Methuen, dated March 6, 1734,** Asie Swan } Selectmen  
Daniel Bodwell } of Methuen

This above written return was represented to the Town, in the annual meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1734, and accepted, and voted to be recorded.

## **A Highway through the world's end land.**

Whereas we the subscribers, being petitioned to, by Capt. Joshua Swan and several others, of the inhabitants of this Town, to lay out a road through a farm formerly laid out to Robert Swan of Haverhill, late deceased, it being his third division land, commonly caked the World's End Land; whereas we have, in answer to the petitioners, viewed the land and laid out the road as followeth; Beginning at an ash tree, being a bound of the said farm, and so running by the line on said farm till it comes to the corner of John Tibbets' fence, by the path that leads from the World's end pond, and so along said path till it comes to a black oak bush, and so across a piece of meadow, to a

walnut bush marked, and so on the south side of Timothy Swan's land, and along on the same course as the trees are marked till it comes to the path, and so along as the path is now trod, till it comes through Capt. Swan's land, and then as the trees are marked, till it comes to the path at the south end of a little ridge, and so as the path is now trod, till it comes to the west side of Spickett river; said road lying on the northerly side of all the trees marked, and measured three rods wide. Laid out by us,

**Methuen, dated February 17, 1734-5,** Asie Swan  
Methuen Daniel Bodwell } Selectmen of  
Peter Merrill

This above written return was presented to the Town in the annual meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1734, and accepted, and voted to have it recorded.

## 1735

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year 1735, are as followeth.**

First, To act what may be then thought best, concerning the former Town Treasurer.

Secondly; To agree upon and grant such a sum of money to be raised, as the Town shall think fit.

Thirdly; To see if the Town will order the line to be run on the north end of the Town.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will order the trustees to call in our Town's proportion of the sixty thousand pounds bank money, and pay it in to the Province Treasurer.

Fifthly, in answer to a petition of Abiel Kelly and six other of the inhabitants of this Town, to  
see if the Town will be pleased to set off the north part of the Town to be a precinct or parish,  
from a line beginning at Haverhill line, and running by the southerly end of Peter Merrill's  
land, and so to the north side of World's End pond, so called, and then west to Spickett river,  
and then half a point northward of the west, to Dracut.

61. **Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735, and chose Lieut.**

Daniel Bodwell, moderator for this meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735, that the committee's  
return of their reckoning with the Treasurers, shall be omitted till the next Town meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735, to raise sixty pounds  
distinct from Mr. Sargent's rate.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735 that the line shall  
be  
run on the north end of the Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735 that the trustees  
shall call in our Town's part of the sixty thousand pounds of the bank money, and pay  
it in to the Province treasurer forthwith.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735, to see if the Town will set off the north part of the Town, to be a precinct or Parish, and the Town voted it in the negative.

### **Town meeting May 19, 1735.**

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on May 19, 1735 are as followeth viz.

First, to act what the Town shall then think best, concerning the former Town Treasurer.

Secondly, to see what the Town will allow of the assessors for the present year for taking the list of the polls and rateable estates.

Voted, on May 19, 1735, and choose Ebenezer Barker, moderator for that meeting.

### **Voted and Declared Daniel Bodwell from his Treasurership.**

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May 19, 1735, that Mr. Daniel Bodwell former Town Treasurer, is cleared and free from any demand of or by the Town, as to any thing still due to the Town from him as to his treasurer ship.

### **Receipt from Barker to Bodwell 25-0-0**

Methuen, May the 3, 1735. Then received of Mr. Daniel Bodwell, Town Treasurer for the years 1730 and 1731, the sum of twenty five pounds, which is the arrears of the Town's money in his hands. Received by me Ebenezer Barker, Town Treasurer.

This above written receipt was ordered by the selectmen to be recorded in a Town meeting in May, the 19<sup>th</sup> day, 1735.

### **Selectmen six shillings a day**

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May 19, 1735, that the Selectmen shall have six shillings apiece, each day they necessarily spend, in taking a list or account of polls and estates as the law directs.

62. At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May 1, 1735, after accepting of the reckoning brought

in by the committee that were chosen to reckon with Capt. Joshua Swan, Town Treasurer for the years 1728, and 1729. Voted that the 51-0-4 mentioned in the said committee's return, shall be paid to Ebenezer Barker, the present Town Treasurer, and that the Selectmen shall forthwith give order to the said Town Treasurer for the present year, to pay to Capt. Joshua Swan and Asie Swan, who were the committee to finish the inside of the meeting house, the sum of 82-7-3 which was allowed by Town vote Dec. 15, 1730, and not yet paid.

**Committee's return of their reckoning with Joshua Swan, Treasurer for the years  
1728 & 1729.**

**Methuen, March 12, 1734.** We, the subscribers, being chosen by the Town of Methuen, to reckon with Capt. Joshua Swan, respecting his Treasurership, in the years 1728 and 1729, upon a diligent search and strict view of the writings relating thereto, we find that the said Joshua Swan had orders from the selectmen to demand and receive of the several constables, in the whole, the sum of five hundred seventy two pounds, three shillings and eight pence for the Town's use, and was ordered by the Selectmen of the Town, for the several payments, amounting in the whole to the sum of 515-6-5 and by a Town vote, the nonresident rate of divers persons, was to be remitted which was 5-10-11, which should otherwise have paid in to the said Treasurer, and is counted in the said general sum of 572-3-8; so that when the said Treasurer hath answered and satisfied all the orders given him by the selectmen to pay out-as aforesaid, there remains in his hands, and due to the Town, the sum of 51-0-4. Nevertheless, it appears that Joshua Swan and Asie Swan, committee to finish the inside of the meeting house, were allowed eighty-two pounds, seven shillings and three pence, by a Town vote, passed December 15, 1730, for work already done; but no order appears, that was given by the selectmen for drawing the said eighty two pounds, seven shillings, and three pence out of the Treasury, and so is yet due to them, so that if the said Joshua Swan shall answer all the said orders to pay out, and pay the said 82-7-3, then there will be due from the Town to the said Joshua Swan, the sum of thirty one pounds, six shillings, and eleven pence.

Ebenezer Barker  
Peter Merrill

}Committee.

This reckoning is agreed by myself, and the committee above mentioned.

Joshua Swan.

**63. A Town meeting Sept. 26, 1735, to bring in Town debts.**

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting, are as followeth, viz.

First, to order the meeting house to be repair.

Secondly, to act what may be then thought best, relating to keeping of schools.

Thirdly, To bring in Town debts, and see what debts the Town will allow of.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will make their application to the General Court again for the Province land that is within the Town. This meeting was warned by the order of the Selectmen, September 26, 1735.

Peter Merrill  
Ebenezer Barker     } Selectmen of  
Methuen  
Nathaniel Messer

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, and chose Ebenezer Barker, moderator for this meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, and chose that the selectmen shall repair the meeting house, upon the Town's cost.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, that the Town will build a schoolhouse of 20 feet one way, and 18 feet the other way, and to be set in some convenient place near the meeting house in this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, and chose Asie Swan,  
Samuel Huse, and John Cross, a committee to build a school house.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, that the school should be  
kept two months at the schoolhouse, if the schoolhouse be built, and one month at some convenient place at Spickett Hill, where the selectmen shall order it for this winter coming.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell  
and Asie Swan, nine shillings apiece, for laying out highways or roads for the Town's use.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, that Peter Merrill should have five shillings for laying out highways on roads or the Town's use.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, that Timothy Merrick

shall have three pounds for the damage and the land that the highway or road does him by going through his land.

63. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, to Peter Merrill, sixteen shillings for taking assessments and making rates this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, to Ebenezer Barker,  
one pound and eleven shillings, for his taking assessments, and making rates this  
year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on September 26, 1735, to Ebenezer Barker fourteen shillings, for his services in reckoning with Capt. Swan, formerly Town Treasurer.

The fourth article in the warning for this meeting is voted in the negative.

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting on November 18, 1735 are as followeth viz.**

First, to act what the Town shall think best, concerning dividing the country.

Secondly, to bring in Town debts, and see what debts the Town will allow of.

Thirdly, to act what the Town shall further think fit, concerning the schoolhouse which was ordered to be built in this Town.

Fourthly, to see what encouragement the Town will give for the hiring a minister to dispense the word of God to the inhabitants of Spickett Hill the winter ensuing.

Warned by the Selectmen's order. Ebenezer Barker  
Methuen. Nathaniel Messer } Selectmen of

Whereas motion is made towards dividing the County of Essex, and erecting a new country in the northerly part of said County, the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, within the aforesaid County of Essex, in a Town meeting for that end regularly warned, unanimously manifested by a major vote, their desire to have the County

divided as aforesaid, and likewise made choice of Richard Saltonstall Esq. the Representative of the Town of Haverhill, to act in behalf of said Town of Methuen in the great and General Court in that affair.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Ebenezer Barker seven shillings and sixpence.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Joseph Stevens twenty shillings for the highway's going through his land.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Asie Swan three pounds  
for the highways going through his land.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Robert Swan of Andover, three pounds for the highway's going through his land.

65. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Richard Swan four pounds for the highway that goes through his land.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Richard Kelly ten shillings & eight pence, which was his due from Samuel Watts, of rates, when he was constable.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, that thy will not allow and money to be drawn out of the Treasury this fall, for the building of a schoolhouse.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November 18 1735, to Ebenezer Barker, six pounds, ten shillings for mending the meeting house windows.

**Essex ss. The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen on December the 15<sup>th</sup> 1735, are as followeth, viz.**

First. To see if the Town will allow our proportion of the County rate to be paid out of the Treasury of the Town.

Secondly. To appoint some place or places to keep the school at, this winter.

Thirdly. To see what the Town will allow the constable for gathering the non-resident rate  
this year.

Fourthly. In answer to a petition to us presented by Joseph Peaslee and eleven other of the inhabitants of this Town, to see if the Town will be pleased to set off the north part of this Town, to be a precinct by themselves.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 15 day, 1735, and chose Ens. James Davis, moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 15 day, 1735 that the Selectmen order out the county rate, out of the Town treasury.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 15 day, 1735 that the school be kept two months this winter at the house of Henry Bodwell Jun.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 15 day, 1735 that the constable have one half of the nonresident rate this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 15 day, 1735, to Capt. Joshua Swan, four feet wide, and six feet long at the east side of the south door of the meeting house under the south window.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 15 day, 1735, and by a majority vote manifested their willingness to set off the north part of this Town, for a precinct by themselves viz. Beginning at the north side of the World's End Pond, so running easterly to the south side of Peter Merrill's land, and so to Haverhill line, and from World's End Pond, to a watering place in Spickett River, by Jonathan Corliss' and so running with a straight line to a pine tree standing the line, between Dracut and Methuen, on the south side of Porpepine Brook.

## 66. **Spickett hill petitioners.**

**Methuen, December 15, 1735.** The humble petition of us, the subscribers, to the inhabitants of this Town, this day assembled, humbly sheweth; That, whereas, we the subscribers live at so great distance from the public worship of God, in this place, that we cannot attend upon it with our families, without a great deal of difficulty, we have therefore been at the charge to hire a minister to preach to us in a more convenient place, which we think is hard for us to do, so long as we are obliged to pay our full proportion towards the support of the public worship

of God in this place, and although we have of late made our application to this Town for some help under our difficult circumstances, we have been denied any. We therefore pray that you would set us off, a distinct precinct by ourselves, according to this line following, viz. Beginning at the north side of the World's End Pond, so running easterly to the south side of Peter Merrill's land and so to Haverhill line; and from the World's End Pond to a wading place in Spickett River by Jonathan Corliss', and so running with a straight line to a pine tree in Dracut line, on the south side of Porpepine Brook, to Dracut line; which, if you will be pleased to do, you will oblige your humble petitioners.

This above written petition signed by Henry Sanders, Joseph Peaslee, and about twenty-seven more.

## 1736

### **March meeting 1736**

The particulars mentioned in a warning for Annual March meeting in Methuen on the tenth day of March 1735, are as followeth, viz.

First. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs.

Secondly. To see if the Town will give liberty for swine to go at large in the Town, for the year ensuing.

Thirdly. To allow of such private or particular ways as have been laid out by the selectmen or their order this year.

Fourthly. To see if the Town will cause the highways in this Town to be amended by a rate, the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, 1735, and chose Ensign James Davis, moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, 1735, and chose Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, 1735, and chose Abel Merrill constable for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, 1735, and chose Henry Sanders, selectman for the year ensuing.

67. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the tenth day, 1735, and chose Francis Swan selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1735, and chose Edward Clark, selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1735, and chose James How, Treasurer for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, the 10 day, 1735, and chose Stephen Barker Jun. Thomas Eaton } Surveyors of highways for the year ensuing, John Cross Ezra Merrick } and sworn to that office.  
Ens. James Davis

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1735, and chose James Barker John Messer } Fence viewers for the year ensuing  
Alexander Linsy Ebenezer Ayer } & sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, the 10 day, 1735, and chose William Cross Jun.  
Ebenezer Barker } Surveyors of lumber and sworn to that office.  
Edward Clark

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, the tenth day, 1735, and chose John Bayley  
James Emery } Tithingmen for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 10 day, 1735, and chose Deacon James How, Clerk of the market for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, 10 day, 1735, and chose Deacon James How; surveyor of flax and hemp for the year ensuing, & sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, 10 day, 1735, and chose John Mansur; Hogreeve for the year ensuing, and sworn..

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 10 day 1735, and chose Joshua Peaslee, Hogreeve for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 10 day 1735, that hogs may go at large  
for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, 10 day, 1735 that (the Selectmen) shall  
lay out a road from Samuel Clarks to the north part of the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March, 10 day, 1735, to give to Nathan Mann,  
all his rates that he was rated in our Town, in the years 1733 & 1734.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 10 day, 1735 that the Town will take  
off Joseph Morse's rates that are yet due to Richard Kelly, and that he shall draw the same out  
of the Treasury.

68. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 10 day, 1735, to mend the highways and roads and laid out in this Town, by a rate this year, allowing 0-3-6 a day for a man, and 0-2-6 for a yoke of oxen.

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**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, December 27, 1736, are as followeth, viz.**

1. To allow Town debts.
2. To see what the Town will do concerning school for this year.
3. To see what money the Town will raise to defray the charges for mending the highways and other necessary Town charges.

Warned by Henry Sanders, Edward Clark, and Francis Swan, Selectmen

Voted, to Mr. Huse, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, December 27, 1736, for perambulating the line between the two Parishes 0-15-0.

Voted, to Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on December 27 day 1736, 0-13-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on December 27 day, 1736, to Ebenezer Ayer 0-13-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on December 27 day, 1736, to Capt. Joshua Swan 0-8-0.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December 27 day, 1736, and chose Capt. Joshua Swan moderator for that meeting.

Voted, to Asie Swan, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December 27 day, 1736, 0-8-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December 27, 1736, to Daniel Peaslee, 0-8-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December 27, 1736, John Ober 0-8-0.

Voted to the Selectmen ten shillings apiece, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on December 27 day 1736.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December 27 day 1736, to Ebenezer Barker for laying out highways 0-18-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December 27 day, 1736, to Nathaniel Alisser, for laying out highways 1-4-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to Peter Merrill for laying out highway 0-6-0.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736 that there shall be a school kept two months in the old Parish this winter, and one month in the north Parish, this winter.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to Timothy Merrick, seven pounds for a road that goes through his land below Spickett Falls.

Voted to John Cross seven shillings that were in Samuel Watts' rate, when he went out of Town, and had not paid it to him.

69. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to give Lieut. Daniel Bodwell forty shillings for pay for a road that goes through his land that goes from Beaver Dam to Samuel Pottle's.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to raise one hundred and seventy pounds to defray Town charges this year. 170-0

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to give to John Harris one pound, seventeen shillings and sixpence. 1-17-6

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to give James Rodgers one pound, ten shillings for a road going through his land. 1-10-0

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day, 1736, to the Committee that was chosen to finish the schoolhouse, the sum of twenty pounds, and eight shillings for the work already done, and what stuff is already provided for said work. 20-8-0

	£ s d		£ s d
John Gutterson	0-10-6	Samuel Stevens	0-16-6
Thomas Austin Jun.	0-10-6	William Cromey	1- 0-0
John Gutterson Jun.	1- 5-6	James Barker	1- 5-0
Thomas Richardson	0-18-0	John Mansur	0-15-6
Zebediah Barker	1-10-0	John Harris	0-19-0
Ebenezer Everett	0- 7-0	William Linsey	0-15-6
Stephen Barker	0-15-9	Alexander Linsey	0-18-0
Joseph Stevens	0- 3-6	James Mallon	0-13-0
Caleb Richardson	0- 3-6		
Stephen Barker Jun. for 1736,	2-10-6	This is the list of Stephen Barker surveyor	
James Emery legalTown	1- 4-9	& allowed for plank 0-17-6. Voted at a	
John Crow day,, 1736,	1- 5-6	meeting in Methuen on the December 27	
Joseph Morse accepted and	1- 4-6	that this above written account shall be	
Ebenezer Barker	1- 4-3	recorded.	

	James Bodwell	0- 3-6	Richard Swan	0-12-0		
	Daniel Bodwell	0-19-6	Joseph Cross	0-14-0		
	Abiel Merrill	1- 2-6	William Cross	0-15-6		
	Timothy Merrick	0-19-6	Timothy Lovejoy	0- 5-0		
	Samuel Huse	0-11-6	Robert Swan Jun.	0- 3-6		
	Ezra Merrick	1- 7-6	John Cross Jun.	1- 3-3		
	Joseph Morse	0-19-6	John Cross	3-15-3		
	James Bodwell Jun.	0- 3-6	Dea. Robert Swan	0- 6-0		
	John Crage	0- 3-6	Thomas Messer	0-15-0		
	Thomas Austin	1- 7-0	James Mann	1- 0-0		
	Zebediah Austin	0-13-0	William Cross Jun.	0- 7-0		
	Samuel Clark	0-12-0	Thomas Cross	0- 8-9		
	William Gutterson	1- 3-6	Henry Bodwell	0- 3-6		
	Joseph Gutterson	0-13-0	James Bodwell	0- 3-6		
	Ebenezer Hibberd	0- 3-6	Timothy Swan	0- 3-6		
	Samuel Pottle	0-12-0	James Wilson	0- 9-6		
	& one day of two oxen	0- 2-6	William Dickey	0- 7-0		
	Robert Thurston	0- 3-6	Humphrey Radrack	0- 5-3		
	John Hibberd	1- 6-0	Abraham Adams	0- 5-6		
	George Davis	0- 3-6	Joshua Swan	0-10-6		
	Jonathan Barker	0- 7-0	Francis Swan	0- 3-6		
	and due for plank	3-16-8	Joshua Swan Jun.	0- 3-6		
	This above written list is the account of Ezra Merrick's work amending the highways for the year 1736; and voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on December the 27 day 1736, that the above written account is accepted & allowed to be recorded.					
70.	Richard Messer	1- 3-6	Joseph Stevens	0-10-6		
	account		Jonathan Hartshorn	0- 3-6		
	Nathaniel Messer	1-13-9	David Kennedy	0- 3-6		
	the		John Setown	0-10-6		
	Thomas Whittier	1- 0-0	James Bodwell Jun.	0- 3-6		
	voted		Timothy Merrick	0- 3-6		
	Daniel Lancaster	1-16-6	John Messer	0- 3-6 and		
	Methuen, on		allowed for plank	1-13-6		
	Richard Whittier	1- 6-6	This above written list is the account of John Cross' work amending the highways for the year 1736 and at a legal Town meeting in December 27, 1736, that the account is accepted and allowed to be recorded.			
	above written		James Gilmore	0- 6-9		
	Jonathan Currier	0- 7-0	and half James	0- 3-6		
	to be		Samuel Lowell	0- 7-0		
	Asie Swan	1- 4-3				
	Abiel Kelly	0- 6-0				
	Ebenezer Ayer	0- 6-0				
	Philip Hoit	0- 7-0				

Joseph Peaslee	0-14-6	John Ober	0- 7-0
William Hoit	0- 9-6	John Woodbury	0-14-3
Samuel Currier	0- 3-6	Joseph Salles	0- 8-3
John Lowell Jun.	0- 7-0	This above written list is the account	
of Thomas			
Joshua Peaslee	0- 7-0	Eaton's work amending the	
highways for the			
Samuel Currier Jun.	0- 7-0	year 1736, & Voted at a legal	
Town meeting in			
John Lowell & his son	0- 3-6	Methuen, December 27, 1736,	
that the above			
Richard Kimball	0-12-3	account is accepted & recorded.	
John Bailey	0-14-0	71. Capt. Joshua Swan	0-13-0
David Lowell	0- 4-9	Francis Swan	0- 3-6
Joshua Emerson Jun.	0-14-0	Timothy Swan	0- 9-6
Isaac Clough	0-17-3	Asie Swan	1- 2-6
Benoni Rowell	0-11-9	Robert Swan Jun.	0-15-9
Thomas Eaton	1-13-3	Nathaniel Pettengill	0- 3-6
Stephen Merrill	1- 2-0	Thomas Cross	0- 3-6
Ephraim Clark	1- 1-9	Caleb Dalton	0- 3-6
Peter Merrill	1- 2-6	Abiel Austin	0-12-0
Joshua Emerson	1- 1-0	Joseph Stevens	0- 9-6
Evan Jones	1-11-6	William Gage	0- 7-0
Richard Kelly	0-14-3	James Rodgers	0-14-0
Abiel Kelly Jun.	0-12-3	Joseph Pudney	0-14-6
Daniel Emerson	0- 3-6	Ebenezer Griffin	0- 7-0
John Page	0-17-6	Jonathan Griffin	0-12-0
Edward Clark	1-16-0	John Messer	0- 9-6
Henry Sanders	1- 8-6	John Tibbets	0- 9-6
and for plank	1-16-0	Ebenezer Carlton	0- 9-6
John Amme	0- 8-3	James How	0- 3-6
Daniel Peaslee	0-19-3	Richard Swan	0-10-6
Richard Dow	0-16-0	Thomas Whittier	0- 1-9
David Dow	0- 3-6	Samuel Clark	0- 3-6
William Sanders	0- 8-6	Thomas Silver	0- 9-6
John Rowell	0- 5-3	This is the list of James Davis'	
work			
Samuel Rowell	0- 3-6	amending the highways for the	
year John Gilmore		0-12-0	1736, and Voted
at a legal Town meeting			

in Methuen, on December 27 day  
1736,  
that this above written account  
shall be accepted and recorded.

Whereas, we the subscribers have proceeded in answer to a petition for the laying out a road

or private way from near to Swan's mill yard at Spickett Falls, and in answer to said petitioners, we begun at the west end of the former road, near said mill yard, and laid it out as followeth, viz. Beginning at the west end of the foresaid road, and so along as the trees are marked, to the southerly end of Richard Swan's stone wall, and so along on the easterly side of said wall, till it comes to land of Asie Swan, and so on the southerly side of marked trees through his land, till it comes to land of Robert Swan of Andover, on the north side of a swamp, and so through his land as the trees are marked, till it comes to the road that leads over Spickett River at the wading place, east side of Jonathan Griffin's house, and from said wading place on the south side of his house, and so along on the same course to a black oak bush, by his fence, by James Rogers' land, and so across his land as the trees are marked, to land of William Edmands, and so on his land as the trees are marked, till it comes to the old path, and so along the path till it comes to land of William Lanthleme, and so along the path till it comes to land of Joseph Pudney's possession, and so a straight course across the pine plain, to a narrow place in London Meadow, by land of Mr. Greenleaf, and along his land as the trees are marked, till it comes to a lane between Samuel Clark's and Joseph Gutterson's, and so along as the trees are marked through by Joseph Gutterson's and William Gutterson's land to Dracut line.

Laid out by us, the subscribers, the first day of March, in the year 1735-6.

Nathaniel Messer, Selectman.  
Asie Swan, being in place by the  
Selectmen.

72. We, the subscribers, in answer to several petitioners to us presented, have by our selectmen, and others by our appointments, have laid out several private or particular ways as followeth, viz.

First a private way of three rods wide, from the house of Samuel Clark on the province land, southerly, till we come where the land late in possession of Nathaniel Higginson, comes to the farm commonly called Ayer's Farm, and then on the land of Joseph Gutterson, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Stevens, and Richard Barker and land of the said Higginson's heirs, and crossing the brook on the west side of a maple tree marked, and so on by the southwesterly side of the marked trees, till we come to the path that leads to the house of Ebenezer Hibberd, and then along the said path to Samuel Pottle's fence and his barn, and then as the path is trodden to the causey that is begun

to be made over the meadow by Mistake Pond, and along as the path is trodden to Spickett river,

a little below the bridge, and crossing the said river on the south side of a red oak marked, on the land of Timothy Merrick, and then two rods wide through said Merrick's land on the south side

of an heap of stones, and then on the brow of a hill to the highway that was laid out year last past. And also another private way from Lieut. Bodwell's ferry northerly as the way is trodden by a gradual diminution, so as to be four rods wide at the brow of the hill next to the ferry, and so on the trodden path extending four rods wide by the east of several marked trees, to the land of Samuel Stevens, and then two rods wide on said Stevens' land, and two rods wide on the end of the land late in possession of Benjamin Stevens deceased, so as to make the road four rods wide, to the former road.

And also another private way between land of Caleb Richardson and land of Zebediah Barker  
viz. two rods wide on land of said Richardson, and one rod wide on land of said Barker, from  
the highway to the north end of each of their land, and then tree rods wide on the west of several marked trees along on the west of Mistake pond to the above mentioned private way.

And also another private way of two rods wide on the southerly side of several marked trees marked with the letter H. Beginning at a pine tree marked by the highway near the old mill formerly in possession of Benoni Rowell, then running northwesterly on the southerly side of  
said trees, and crossing the land of John Rowell, John Amme, Benoni Rowell, Nathaniel Peaslee, Joseph Peaslee, and land of Henry Sanders, to a white oak marked by Policy pond.

Dated at Methuen, March 9, 1735  
Methuen

Peter Merrill  
Nathaniel Messer } Selectmen of  
Ebenezer Barker

## 73. 1737

### **March Meeting 1736 or 37.**

The particulars mentioned in a warning for Annual Town Meeting in March the 9 day 1736  
or 37 are as followeth viz.

First, to choose Town officers, as the law directs.

Secondly, to see what the Town will do concerning swine going at large, the year ensuing.

Thirdly, to see whether the Town will confirm the highways laid out by the selectmen this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Capt. Joshua Swan, moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737 that they will have two constables for the year ensuing, for the two parishes.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Thomas Eaton, Constable for the north parish for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Joseph Gutterson, constable for the old parish for the year ensuing, and voted at the same meeting and dismissed him from being constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose John Harris, constable for the old parish, for the year ensuing, and voted at the same meeting and accepted of Ebenezer Barker, to serve constable in John Harris' room (in place of), for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Richard Swan, selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Samuel Huse selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Edward Clark selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Deacon James How Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose Joseph Morse, surveyor of hemp and flax, for the year ensuing and Samuel Stevens.

John Cross	Dea. James How	Surveyors of the highways for
	the year	
Samuel Clark	Joseph Stevens	ensuing, and sworn to that
office.		
Henry Sanders	Ephraim Clark	
Ebenezer Ayer	John Tibbets	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, and chose John Mansur and Daniel Lancaster, fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, and chose Evan Jones tithingman for the year ensuing and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day 1736, and chose James Bodwell, tithingman for the year ensuing, and he is sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, and chose Timothy Swan, field driver for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, and chose John Cross Jun. field driver for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, and chose William Cross Jun. surveyor of timber for the year ensuing, and is sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, and chose Ebenezer Barker surveyor of timber for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736 that hogs may go at large for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, Abiel Kelly Jr. and John Crage, Hogreeves for the year ensuing and are sworn to that office.

74. Voted, At a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1737, and chose James How, Surveyor of weights and measures and sworn to that office.

### **Through Spickett neck.**

We, the subscribers, in answer to a petition to us presented, have laid out a private or particular way of two rods wide, bounded as followeth viz.

First, beginning at a rod by Jonathan Barker's, on the westerly side of the tree's marked, first with a pine marked, so running to Spickett River, on land which was in the possession of Jonathan Barker to a white oak bush marked, and so over the bridge on land of Abel Huse, and so on the westerly side of the trees marked, so running on land of Stephen Huse, to a black oak marked, from thence to a black oak marked on Asie and Richard Swan's land, from thence, on Swan's and Huse's land, to a red oak, which is the range bounds between them, from thence to a swamp white oak marked, so running on Swan's land, to a white oak marked, from thence on the common land to a stump marked, by the way that is laid to the meeting house, there being no reserve through these lands, but Mr. Stephen Huse did promise to give the road through land.

Laid out the 27 day of December 1736, by us,

Henry Sanders  
Edward Clark } Selectmen of  
Methuen.  
Francis Swan

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, that this above said road shall be recorded.

We, the subscribers, in answer to a petition to us presented, have laid out the private or particular ways following viz.

The first, beginning at a road, called Mitchell's road, at a small black oak marked; from thence northwesterly to a pine marked, and so to a black oak, from thence to a white oak marked, and  
so to another white oak standing near a swamp; from thence to another white oak marked, and  
so to a broken pine standing near Joshua Peaslee's house; and so to another pine, and so to a  
dead pine marked, from thence to a white oak near Spickett river new bridge, from thence to  
a small pine between two rocks on John Page's land, and so to heap of rocks, from thence to  
a pine marked, from thence to a dead pine marked, so running the course to Eaton's land so  
called, so running between Eaton's land and Page's lot, to a pine marked with four spots; so crossing Eaton's lot to a pine by the path side, so running as the path is now trod, to a maple  
near Richard Dow's fence; thence to a pine marked, and so to a pine marked on David Dow's

land; from thence to a pine stump by the highway that leads to Londonderry. All the above said trees are marked with the letter H. This way is laid two rods wide on the south or southwesterly side of the trees marked.

Laid out by us,

Henry Sanders  
Edward Clark } Selectmen of  
Methuen.

Francis Swan

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 9, 1736, that the above said road shall be recorded.

**75. This way begins t the new bridge.**

In answer to a petition to us presented, we have laid out a private or particular way, as followeth viz. Beginning at the new bridge, so running southerly to a pine marked, thence running westerly to a dead pine marked, from thence to a black oak bush marked, thence to a pine, so to another pine marked, so to a black oak marked, thence to a great white oak, near to a sloe, so to a pine by the corner of a small swamp, and so to a dead pine, near the sunken bridge, from thence to another pine marked, and so to a pine near a small brook, from thence to another pine near Haverhill old line. All the aforesaid trees are marked with the letter H. This way is laid two rods wide, on the southerly side of said bounds. The aforesaid way was laid out March 5 day, 1736,7, by us,

Henry Sanders  
Edward Clark } Selectmen  
Francis Swan

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 9, 1736, that the above said road shall be recorded.

We, the subscribers, in answer to a petition to us presented, have laid out a private or particular way as followeth, viz. Beginning at a white oak marked, standing near a way that leads to Carleton meadow; from thence running northwesterly to a pine marked, so to a maple near a small swamp; from thence to a black oak marked, and so to a white oak marked, standing by Spickett river. This way is laid two rods wide on the southerly side of the marked trees. The aforesaid way was laid out March the 5 day, 1736,7, by us,

Henry Sanders  
Edward Clark } Selectmen of  
Methuen  
Francis Swan

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 9 day, 1736, that the above said road shall be recorded.

76. **1737**

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting in Methuen, on April 20, 1737, are as followeth, viz.**

First, to see whether the Town will mend the highways by a rate this year, and if they will.

2ly, to see what money they will raise for that use.

3ly, to see whether the Town will chose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer that have not made up their accounts.

Richard Swan  
Henry Sanders } Selectmen of  
Methuen  
Edward Clark

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 20 day, 1737, and chose Edward Clark, moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 20 day, 1737, not to mend the highways by a rate this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 20 day, 1737, to choose a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurer that have not made up their accounts.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on April the 20 day, 1737, and chose Capt. Joshua Swan, Edward Clark, and Lieut. Daniel Bodwell a committee to reckon with the Town Treasurers that have not made up their accounts.

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on May 26, 1737, are as followeth viz.**

First, to see of the Town will draw money out of the Town Treasury to pay the County rate  
this year.

Secondly, to see whether the Town will mend the highways by a rate this year, and if they will, how much money will raise or that use.

Thirdly, to have the list of men liable by law & qualified to serve on the petty jury laid before

them as the law directs,

Warned by Richard Swan, Samuel Huse, and Edward Clark, Selectmen of Methuen.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 26 day, 1737, and chose Capt. Joshua Swan moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May 26, 1737, to draw money out of the Town Treasury to pay the County rate this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 26, 1737, to mend the highways by a rate this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May the 26 day, 1737, to raise two hundred pounds to defray the charges in making bridges and mending the highways and Town roads this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May 26, 1737, to allow and give a man five shillings a day, and three shillings a day for a pair of oxen a day, and one shilling for a cart and a pair of wheels a day, in the Town service in mending of highways.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on May 26, 1737, that the Selectmen make a rate of two hundred pounds, to defray the cost in mending the highways this year, and deliver it to the several surveyors of the highways of this Town, for the present year, which surveyors shall take care and see that every man work out his proportion, or prosecute them as the law directs for their neglect.

77.

### **Nathaniel Messer, Juryman**

Methuen, September the 19day, 1737. Then by order of the Selectmen, for the drawing out of the box for a juryman to serve on the jury at Newbury court and the name of Nathaniel Messer was drawn out.

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting, are as followeth, viz.**

First, to bring in Town debts;

2ly, to see what debts the Town will allow of;

3ly, to see what money the Town will raise for to defray Town charges.

4ly To see what the Town will do concerning settling the line between this Town and Haverhill.

5ly, to see what the Town will do concerning keeping school.

Warned by Richard Swan, Samuel Huse, and Edward Clark, selectmen of Methuen for the year 1737.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Tuesday the 27 day of December 1737, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Tuesday the 27 day of December 1737, that this meeting shall be adjourned until the third Tuesday of February next coming, after the date hereof.

## 1738

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on adjournment, upon Tuesday, the twenty first day of February 1737,8, and dissolved that meeting.

The particulars mentioned in a warning for annual Town meeting in March, the 8 day, 1737,8, are as followeth, viz.

First, to choose Town officers as the law directs.

2ly. To see what the Town will do concerning swine's going at large the year ensuing.

3ly. To see if the Town will confirm the highways that have or may be laid out by the selectmen this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell, **moderator** for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Asie Swan **Town Clerk** for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 8<sup>th</sup> 1737,8, and chose Thomas Austin, **Constable** for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Evan Jones constable for the north Parish, for the year ensuing and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Ebenezer Barker, and Edward Clark and Asie Swan selectmen for the year ensuing.

78. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Deacon  
James How Town Treasurer, for the year ensuing, and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Deacon  
James Wilson Tithing man for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose William  
Cross Jun. tithingman for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose John Bailey tithing man for the year ensuing, and sworn to the faithful discharge of that office.

Voted and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell Tithingman for the year ensuing, at a legal Town meeting on March the 8 day, 1737-8.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose

John Gutterson	Nathaniel Messer
Samuel Huse, sworn	Peter Merrill
Richard Swan, sworn	Richard Kelly
Dea. James How, sworn	Richard Dow
William Gage, sworn	Samuel Clark

Richard Kelly      } Surveyors of highways.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Deacon  
James How and John Messer, Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Joseph Morse surveyor of hemp and flax for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose John Cross surveyor of timber for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Richard Skidmore, Hogreeve for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Abiel Austin, Hogreeve for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, and chose Thomas Whittier and Ebenezer Ayer field drivers for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, that swine shall go at large this year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, to raise two hundred pounds to mend the highways withal, this year.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, that a man shall have 5 shillings per day for working on the highways, and 3 shillings for a pair of oxen, and one shilling for a cart and pair of wheels per day.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, that every and each surveyor shall have power to prosecute any man that refuses to work when he is legally warned  
to repair the highways, if he don't pay his money down for neglect or refusal.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 13 day, 1737,8, on adjournment, that Thomas Austin shall be dismissed from being constable this year, by reason of his being out of Town in the time of meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 8 day, 1737,8, on adjournment, and chose Samuel Clark, constable for the old Parish, for the year ensuing.

79. Methuen, March 13 day, 1737.8. Then by order of the selectmen for the drawing out of the box for a juryman to serve on the jury at Ipswich Court, and the name of Ebenezer Everett was drawn out.

Methuen, September the 25 day, 1737.8. Then by order of the selectmen, in obedience to the law for a juryman, drew out the name of Henry Sanders to serve on the jury at Newbury Court, on September 26 day 1738.

Methuen, March the 14 day, 1738,9. Then the name of Peter Merrill was drawn out of the box, to serve juryman at Ipswich Court.

80. **Methuen, March the 3 day, 1737,8.** We, the subscribers, in answer to a petition to us presented, have laid out a particular or private way, bounded as followeth. Beginning at the country road that leads from Haverhill to Dracut near the dig down way, from thence running southerly, as the path is now trod, to the country road that leads to Swan's ferry. This way is laid two rods wide, west of the east side of the path that is now trod.

Laid out by us,  
Methuen.

Richard Swan  
Samuel Huse } Selectmen of  
Edward Clark

## **The line between Haverhill and Methuen, 1738.**

We, the subscribers, being the selectmen of the towns to which we respectively belong, viz. Haverhill and Methuen, met on the 16 day of May, 1738, in order to settle the line between said towns, and employed Mr. James Ingalls, surveyor to run the line according to the grant of Methuen township from the mouth of Hawk's meadow brook half a point north of the northwest, and the bounds are as followeth.

Beginning at the mouth of Hawk's meadow brook, thence to crotched white oak standing on Philip Mitchell's land, thence to a pitch pine tree on Andrew Mitchell's land, thence to a black oak on the northwest side of Lough Meadow; thence to the southeast corner of Joseph Merrill's house, thence to a heap of stones by Duck meadow path, thence to a pine in Duck Meadow; thence to a heap of stones by Duck meadow path, thence to a pine in Duck meadow; thence to a white oak by Duck meadow; thence to a white oak by Duck meadow path between the meadows, thence to a small maple by Spickett Road, thence to a walnut tree standing near Abial Kelly's fence; thence to a pine standing on the common, thence to a black oak on a ridge, near a swamp, thence to a black oak standing by a ledge of rocks, thence to a pitch pine on the northwest side of a great swamp, thence to a twine white oak in low ground, thence to a white oak on the top of an hill, thence to a heap of stones supposed to intersect Haverhill old line.

All the above-mentioned trees are marked and lettered on northeast side with an H, on the southwest side an M.

James Sanders      Selectmen      Asie Swan      Selectmen  
Thomas Johnson   }      of      Edward Clark } of Methuen  
Edward Carleton      Haverhill      James Ingalls, Surveyor

81. **Methuen, October the 24 day, 1738.** The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting are as followeth, viz.

First, to see if the Town will make their application to the General Court for orders & direction under our present difficulties in respect of the Province line.

2ly. To bring in and allow Town debts.

3ly. To see what money the Town will raise to defray Town charges.

4ly. Report of the committee that was chosen to reckon with the Town Treasurers, and act what  
may be needful thereon.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 24 day, 1738, and chose Edward Clark moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 24 day, 1738, and chose Ebenezer Barker to make application to the General Court of this Province on the Town's behalf, for orders and directions under our present difficulties on respect of the Province line.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on October the 24 day, 1738 that this meeting shall be adjourned until the third Tuesday of December next coming at one of the clock in the afternoon, and accordingly it is adjourned.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, (Dec. 19.) on October the 24 day 1738, on adjournment that the meeting is dissolved.

### **March Meeting**

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for the annual Town meeting in March the 14 day,  
are as followeth.**

First, to choose Town officers or the year ensuing, as the law directs.

2ly. To see if the Town will give liberty or swine to go at large, within this Town, the year  
ensuing.

3ly. To act what may then be thought best, relating to repairing and amending the highways the year ensuing.

### **Moderator**

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Richard Swan moderator for that meeting.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn.

### **Constables**

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Thomas Austin constable for the first Parish, for the year ensuing.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Henry Sanders constable for the north Parish, for the year ensuing.

### **Selectmen.**

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Samuel Huse selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at the annual Town meeting on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Daniel Peaslee selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Ens. James Davis selectman for the year ensuing.

### **Treasurer.**

Voted at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9,  
and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

### **Tithingmen.**

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Dea. James Wilson tithing man for the year ensuing.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose  
Ezra Merrick tithing man for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Thomas Eaton tithing man or the year ensuing and sworn.

**Surveyors of Highways.**

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Timothy Swan surveyor of highways for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Nathaniel Messer surveyor of highways and sworn in for the year ensuing.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Edward Clark surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Henry Sanders surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

82. Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Richard Swan surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Lieut. Daniel Bodwell surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

John Gutterson Jun. surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Timothy Merrick surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

Richard Kimball surveyor of highways for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose

John Cross and Abiel Kelly Jun. **fence viewers** for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen on March the 14 day, 1738,9, that swine may go at large the year ensuing.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose John Page **hogreeve** for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose Joseph Wright **hogreeve** for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose Timothy Swan and Robert Swan Jun. **field drivers** for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose James How **Surveyor of weights and measures**, sworn.

Voted, at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738-9, and chose Joseph Cross **surveyor of timber** for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, and chose John Crow **surveyor of timber** for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at the annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, that the Crosses have liberty to work out 5 of their days works towards highways, for their own convenience in going to the meetinghouse.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, that men shall work in mending the highways, at the same wages, for themselves, and oxen and cart as they did the last year.

Voted, at a legal annual Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 14 day, 1738,9, to raise 150-0-0 pounds to defray the charges in mending the highways for the year ensuing.

**The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen, on June the twenty eighth day, 1739, are as followeth viz.**

First, to see if the Town will send a man or men to Salem Court to answer for the Towns being presented for want.

The Town Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on the June the twenty eighth day, in the year 1739, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on June the 28 day day 1739, to send a man to Salem Court to make answer in the Town's behalf, to a presentment that the Town is under for want.

The Town voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on June the twenty eighth day, 1739, and

chose Ens. James Davis to go to Salem Court, to make answer in the Town's behalf, to a presentment that the Town is under for want.

**83. The particulars acted upon in a warning for a Town meeting in Methuen on Friday the 30 day of November 1739, are as followeth.**

Firstly, to choose two men to take care of the deer as the law directs.

Secondly, to bring in Town debts.

Thirdly, to see what money the Town will allow to be raised to defray Town charges.

Fourthly, to see what the Town will do concerning making a pound or pounds in said Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739, and chose Capt. Joshua Swan moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November, 1739, and chose John Mansur to take care of the deer as the law directs, and sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November, 1739, and chose Richard Dow to take care of the deer as the law directs, & sworn to that office.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
Edward Clark 9-44-6 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
Asie Swan 1-14-8 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
Richard Swan 1-6-0 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
Henry Sanders 1-7-6 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
Samuel Huse 2-3-0 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
James Davis 0-10-0 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
Ebenezer Barker 2-10-0 for services done for the Town.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to  
raise 40-0-0, for to provide powder, and flints, and bullets for the Town stock.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
to raise 60 pounds to defray Town charges.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on Friday, the 30 day of November 1739,  
that there shall be a pound in some convenient place, in the North Parish near the  
meeting house.

## 1740

**March meeting for the year 1739-40 warned by Samuel Huse, James Davis, and  
Daniel Peaslee, Selectmen**

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for the annual Town meeting, in March,  
the  
twelfth day, in the year 1739 or 40, are as followeth;**

First, to choose Town officers for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

2ly. To see if the Town will allow swine to go at large for the year ensuing.

3ly. To see if the Town will allow of the roads that were laid out the year past by the Selectmen of said Town.

4ly. To see if the Town will mend the highways by a rate the year ensuing, and to see how much money the Town will raise for that use.

5ly. To see if the Town will accept of the reckoning that is made with Ebenezer Barker  
Town Treasurer for the year 1735. To choose a County Register.

**84.** Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Richard Swan moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Asie Swan Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Samuel Huse constable for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and accepted  
of Thomas Austin, to serve constable in Samuel Huse' room and stead for the year ensuing,  
and he is sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Peter Merrill constable for the year ensuing and he is sworn in.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Francis Swan Selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Deacon  
James How Selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Ephraim Clark Selectman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Joseph Morse tithingman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Evan Jones tithingman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose William Cross Jun. Tithingman for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose

Asie Swan, sworn	Isaac Clough, sworn
Richard Messer, sworn	Henry Sanders, sworn
William Gage, sworn	Stephen Barker Jun., sworn } Surveyors of Highways
Edward Clark, sworn	William Cross for the year ensuing.
Abial Kelly Jun., sworn	

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Thomas Whittier fence viewer and sworn.

Voted a at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Thomas Eaton fence viewer and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Moses Cross Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose John Harris Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Abial Kelly Jun. Field driver for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Robert Swan Jun. Field driver for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose Jonathan Hartshorn hogreeve for the year & sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose

Richard Kimball hogreeve for the year ensuing and sworn.

85. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose John Mansur to take care of the deer for the year ensuing, as the law directs, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day 1739 or 40, and chose

Abial Austin to take care of the deer for the year ensuing, as the law directs & sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, and chose

Dea. James How, Clerk of the market for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day 1739 or 40, that swine

shall go at large for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, to mend

the highways by a rate the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, to raise one hundred pounds to be laid out in mending the highway, the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 12 day, 1739 or 40, to ease Mr. Joseph Morse of the rate for his head.

## 1741

### **March meeting 1740, 41**

**The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a March meeting, in Methuen, on March the eleventh day, 1740,41, are as followeth, viz.**

1. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing as the law directs.

2ly. To see if the Town will mend the highways by a rate this year.

3ly. To see what the Town will do concerning the swine going at large this year.

4ly. To see if the Town will give any encouragement for the killing of wolves.

5ly. To see if the Town will pass a vote that the Town rate, that may be made this year,

shall be paid in manufactory or Land Bank bills, or to see what the Town will act on that affair.

6ly. To see whether the Town will hire a school dame or school dames, to keep school for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Asie Swan, Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Richard Kimball constable for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose

Lieut. Daniel Bodwell	Selectmen	
Samuel Huse	}	of
Edward Clark		
	Methuen	

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Ebenezer Barker Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Joseph Morse and Richard Kelly tithing men, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose

Stephen Barker and sworn	Richard Messer & sworn	Surveyors	
John Tibbets and sworn	Ebenezer Hibberd & sworn	}	of
Asie Swan and sworn	William Cross & sworn		
Isaac Clough and sworn	Abiel Kelly Jun.	Highways	

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose John Gutterson Fenceviewer for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose James How Fenceviewer for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose

Amos Morse, Hogreeves for the years ensuing, and sworn.

86. Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Samuel Currier Hogreeve for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Joseph Cross surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Stephen Barker Jun. Surveyor of lumber for the year ensuing and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose and chose

Dea. James How Clerk of the market, for the year ensuing, and sworn.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, to mend the highways by a rate for the year ensuing.

Voted at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 1 day, 1740,41, to raise one hundred pounds to mend the highways with the year ensuing

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, that the Surveyors shall, for the year ensuing, turn in their list of work done, about mending the highways, to the Selectmen, with the names of those persons that have worked, and those that have not worked, and that the Selectmen shall issue out a warrant to the constable to gather the delinquent.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, that swine may go at large the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, to give 3-0-0 for the killing of a grown wolf, and one pound for a bitch wolf's whelp.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, that the Town Treasurer shall receive the Land Bank money, as well as other, for the Town rate.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Zebediah Barker constable for the year ensuing.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Zebediah Austin, to take care of the deer, as the law directs, and sworn.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on March the 11 day, 1740,41, and chose Abial Kelly Jun. to take care of the deer for the year ensuing, as the law directs.

## A warning for a Town meeting 1741

The particulars mentioned in a warning for a Town meeting are as followeth, viz.

Firstly, to choose a constable or constables for the present year, for whereas one of the constables falling into Hampshire, and the other refusing to take his oath.

2ly. To see if the Town will provide a place to build a new pound, or to mend up the old one.

3ly. To see how much money the Town will raise to provide powder and bullets for a Town shock.

Date Methuen this 22 day of June 1741.

Daniel Bodwell Selectmen  
Edward Clark } of  
Samuel Huse Methuen

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July sixth day, 1741, and chose Lieut. Daniel Bodwell moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July the 6 day 1741, to choose but one constable to fill up the vacancy in the office the present year.

87. Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July the 6 day, 1741, that this meeting is adjourned until Friday, the tenth day of July instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July 10 day, 1741, by adjournment, and chose William Linsey constable, to fill up the vacancy in that office for the present year.

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July 10 day 1741, by adjournment to repair the old pound for this summer, and to build a new one at, or before the next summer, and set it at or near the dwelling house of Robert Swan Jun., he promising to give the land to set it on, as long as the pound shall stand there.

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July 10 day, 1741, by adjournment that the third particular in this warrant for this meeting be deferred until the fall of the year, when the Town brings in Town debts.

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July 10 day, 1741, and chose Thomas Whittier Field driver for the remainder of this year.

Voted, at a Town meeting in Methuen, on July 10 day, 1741, to adjourn this meeting until Wednesday, the 29 day of July instant, at 3 of the clock in the afternoon.

The moderator and the Town Clerk appeared at the meeting house on the 29 day of July, in order to attend the meeting, & another of the inhabitants to then appeared, & the moderator then dismissed.

### **A meeting November 17 day, 1741.**

The particulars mentioned in a warrant for a Town meeting are as followeth;

1ly. To see if the Town will choose a constable to serve in the room of such as have refused to serve in that office in this Town.

2ly. To bring in Town debts, and to see what debts, and to see how what debts the Town will allow of, and to see how much money the Town will raise to defray the charges.

3ly. To what the Town will do concerning schools.

4ly. To see if the Town will choose a committee to prosecute any persons that shall out timber or wood on the Parsonage land within this Town.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, and chose Stephen Barker moderator for that meeting.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 7 day, 1741, and chose Samuel Stevens constable, for to serve in that office this year, by reason of others refusing to serve in that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, and accepted Samuel Clark to serve constable in the room of Samuel Stevens this present year and is sworn to that office.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, to  
William Cross,  
16 shillings, for plank to cover Spickett bridge.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, to  
Stephen Barker  
1-3-0 for plank to cover a bridge.

88. Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, to  
Timothy Merrick  
0-12-0 shillings for making iron for the stocks.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, to  
Ebenezer Barker  
5 pounds for keeping school one month, in the year 1739.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, to raise  
25-0-0 pounds to defray Town charges this present year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, that the  
Selectmen shall provide schools according to their discretion this year.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, and  
chose Samuel Huse, and Edward Clark, and John Gutterson, committee men to take  
care of the Parsonage land, and prosecute any person that shall cut any wood on the  
Parsonage land.

Voted, at a legal Town meeting in Methuen, on November the 17 day, 1741, to  
Samuel Huse  
one pound, four shillings, for services done for the Town.