

**1875**

**Indenture**

This indenture made on the twenty fifth day of February eighteen hundred seventy five by and between Jos. S. Howe, Franklin Saunders and J. Haskell Gordon, Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Methuen, in the County of Essex on the one part and L. W. Faulkner of the Town of Billerica and County of Middlesex on the other part.

**Witnesseth.** That the said Overseers of the Poor have bound and do hereby bind Elvira E. Austin, a minor daughter of Wm Austin a poor person residing in said Methuen, lawfully settled therein and having become actually chargeable thereto unto the said L. W. Faulkner as a servant to be employed in any lawful work or labor and with him the said L. W. Faulkner to serve from the day of the date hereof until the said minor will be of the age Of eighteen years during all which time the said servant, her said master shall faithful serve.

And the said L. W. Faulkner covenants on his behalf, to teach and instruct or cause the said servant to be faithfully taught or instructed and during all said term, the said L. W. Faulkner shall provide for said servant suitable boarding, lodging, clothing, nursing, attendance and other necessaries, for her comfortable support in sickness and health, and the said L. W. Faulkner shall also cause said minor to be taught to read, write and cipher.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this twenty fifty day of February in the year eighteen hundred seventy five.

Signed, sealed and delivered }		
In the presence of us }	Jos. S. Howe (seal)	Overseers of
John G. Low	Franklin Saunders (seal)	Poor of
S. H. Harris, Jr.	J. Haskell Gordon (seal)	Methuen
Isabella T. Ranlett	L. W. Faulkner (seal)	

A true copy.

Attest:

Chas. Pelham,  
Town Clerk.

**Warrant for Annual Meeting – March 1, 1875**

**Essex S.S.** To Daniel Currier, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen,  
**Greeting:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at in said Methuen, on Monday, the first day of March,

next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, there and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee-man for three years (in place of Chas. E. Goss, whose term expires), Constables, Auditor of Accounts and Fence Viewers all upon one ballot.

Also to choose a Collector of Taxes, by ballot or otherwise, and all other necessary town officers in such a manner as the Town may determine. The Polls to be kept open until 12 ½ o'clock P.M.
- Art. 3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing years and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and to act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 6. To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its highway taxes and repair its highways the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire, in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes, that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will approve and accept the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen, as liable to serve as jurors, the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To hear the reports of Committees, and act thereon.
- Art. 10. To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire department for their services the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from Dog tax, agreeably to Chap. 250, Acts of 1869.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of taxes to print a list of delinquent tax payers in the Town Report.

Art. 14. To see of the Town will vote to erect additional street lamps, and make appropriation therefore.

Art. 15. By request of John Mitchell and thirty five others, to see if the Town will vote to let the collecting of taxes for the ensuing year to the lowest responsible bidder.

Art. 16. By request of Jos. E. Buswell to see if the Town will vote to abolish the system of making an appropriation for the discount on taxes and act thereon.

Art. 17. By request of A. J. Whittier, to see if the Town will vote to enlarge the burying ground near the Bartlett School house and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to fund its debt and act thereon.

Art. 19. By request of Jos. E. Buswell, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the repair of the stage of the Town Hall, and the purchase of scenery for the same.

Art. 20. By request of Leverett Bradley and others, to see if the Town will vote to make a special appropriation for repairs on the River Road, between Lawrence and Haverhill, and determine the amount of the same.

Art. 21. By request of Jos. E. Buswell to see if the Town will vote to increase the present number of its School Committee and choose a Superintendent of Schools, and act thereon.

Art. 22. By request of Chas. E. Goss and others to see if the Town will appropriate One hundred dollars for decorating soldiers' graves.

Art. 23. By request of the Committee on Public Library, to see if the Town will vote to employ a Librarian for the Public Library and make an appropriation therefore.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take in relation to leasing rooms in the Town House.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 158. of the Acts of 1871, if so, choose three Road Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of said act.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Constables to enforce the Dog law without previously notifying dog owners who have neglected to procure a license.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to give the Methodist Episcopal Society the bill that is now due the Town from said Society.

Art. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to remunerating Jos. S. Morse for land taken to widen the turnpike, and make an appropriation therefore.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this **twentieth day of February A.D. eighteen hundred seventy five.**

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen  
Franklin Saunders } of  
J. Haskell Gordon } Methuen

**Essex. s.s.**

**Methuen, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1875.**

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the four different Meeting Houses, seven days before the said 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1875, as within directed.

Daniel Currier  
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy:

Attest:

Charles Pelham  
Town Clerk.

### **March 1, 1875 - Annual Town Meeting**

**At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1875 at ten o'clock A.M. agreeably to warrant No. 4, File 10.**

**Proceeded as follows. –**

Art. 1.      **For Moderator**

Granville E. Foss was chosen and sworn

Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. H. Blake

Art. 15. Voted to take up Art. 15. Voted to let the collecting of taxes to the lowest responsible bidder.

Art. 2. **For Town Clerk and Treasurer**

Charles Pelham was chosen and sworn

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

Darius Pierce, Daniel T. Morrison and Jos. S. Howe were chosen and sworn

**School Committee** (three years)

Daniel W. Tenney was chosen

**Constables**

William H. Butrick, J. W. F. Cooper, Noah Warrant were chosen – all sworn

**Auditor of accounts**

Amos L. Gale was chosen – sworn

**Fence Viewers**

George W. Butters, sworn; Alfred Clark, sworn; Wm. Jackson – all were chosen

**Field Drivers - chosen**

John D. Spear	George W. Copp	Charles Foss
E. A. Sawyer, sworn	Chas. E. Austin, sworn	Amos E. Rollins
Geo. Bradbury	Fred. Russel, sworn	Chas. H. Merrill, sworn

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Appointed by the Selectmen

**Pound Keepers**

Stephen W. Williams, sworn      H. Chadwick – both were chosen

**Surveyors of Lumber**

Ralph Clark, sworn; Jos. S. Howe, sworn; Jas. Kimball; S. A. Harvey, sworn; Frank Ingalls; M. G. Copp, sworn; D. T. Morrison; J. O. Parker, sworn; F. Saunders, sworn; D. Pierce; Jesse A. Towne; J. McFarland, sworn;

Oliver Kimball, sworn; John Q. Hill; Chas. R. Ayer.

## Surveyor of Wood & Bark

D. Pierce, Jas. Allen, sworn; Geo. O. Messer, Richard Walch, sworn; S. G. Sargent, Horace Carleton, sworn; Nelson Blodgett, sworn; D. H. Rowell, S. H. Shattuck,  
W. S. Stevens, sworn; Ralph Clark, sworn; M. G. Smith, sworn; Chas. Jackson, J. O. Parker, sworn; Jas. A. Clark, sworn; A. Gilcreast, Jas. Dowding, E. P. Sargent, G. S. Phippen, sworn; Alonzo Searles, Elias Grimes, sworn; Moses E. Kimball, sworn; Oliver Kimball, sworn.

## **Surveyors of Plastering**

Art. 3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate as follows. —

For Schools	Seven thousand dollars	7,000.00
Repairs on Schoolhouses	Three hundred dollars	300.00
Supplies for Schools	Two hundred dollars	200.00
Music in Schools	Three hundred twenty five dollars	325.00
Highways & Repairs on Roads	Four thousand dollars	4,000.00
Roads and Bridges & Opening Roads	One thousand dollars	1,000.00
Fire department	Eight hundred dollars	800.00
Pauper department	Eighteen hundred dollars	1,800.00
Contingencies	Seven hundred dollars	700.00
Town Officers	Eight hundred dollars	800.00
School Committee	Two hundred dollars	200.00
Interest on Town notes	Forty-eight hundred dollars	4,800.00
Collecting taxes	Three hundred & fifty dollars	350.00
Street Lamps	Two hundred dollars	<u>200.00</u>
		\$22,475.00

Art. 5. Voted to Passover the article.

Art. 28. Taken up. Voted to remunerate Jos. S. Morse for land taken to widen the Turnpike and that it be left with Mr. Morse and the Selectmen to settle it.

Also voted that the appropriation therefore be laid on the table.

Art. 20. Taken up. Voted that One thousand dollars be appropriated to repair the River Road, between Lawrence & Haverhill.

Art. 18. Taken up. Voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to fund the debt of the Town to the amount of Fifty thousand dollars and issue Bonds therefore, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum said Bonds being redeemable at any time within twenty years from date at the option of the Town.

Voted to adjourn until tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M.

### **March 2, 1875**

Met according to adjournment and proceeded as follows.

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate the highway taxes the same as last year.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to pay Notes, Orders, etc. and also to empower the Treasurer to sign Notes in behalf of the Town (as per article 7 of the warrant).

Art. 8. Voted that the names of S. D. Chase & J. W. Fulton (at their request) be stricken from the list of jurors and the names of Chas. L. Wilson and James Fulton be inserted, instead.

Voted to approve and accept the list as amended. Viz.:

Charles Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup>	J. Sumner Emery	Ed. F. Johnson
Moses G. Smith	John W. Bodwell	Jos. R. Emerson
Moses E. Kimball	Leverett Swan	George W. Butters
John W. Frederick	John G. Low	Geo. W. Sawyer
George A. Butters	James Fulton	Cummings Messer
Chas. E. Trow	Stephen J. Barker	Joel Foster 1 <sup>st</sup>
Geo. O. Marsh	James M. Frey	Nelson M. Blodget
B. G. Gutterson	Danl. T. Morrison	Chas. L. Tozier
John Bordman	George W. Gage	Amos C. Rollins
John F. Tenney	Daniel Currier	Albert B. Gordon
Danl. C. Rollins	Steph. W. Williams	H. N. Coburn
Saml. H. Harris Jr.	F. Saunders	B. Frank Woodbury
Daniel E. Cole	Chas. H. Harvey	S. G. Sargent
Chas. S. Whittier	J. M. Doe	Henry N. Hall
E. P. Sargent	James E. Messer	J. T. Douglas
Jos. S. Howe	Wm C. Sleeper	Chas. L. Wilson

Art. 9. Voted to adopt the report of the committee in regard to building a new schoolhouse in the village that the whole subject be recommitted to the Selectmen with instructions to report at a future meeting.

Also voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell and convey land at the corner of Lawrence and East Streets.

Art. 10. Voted same as last year. (Fire dept)

Art. 11. Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses & swine from going at large.

Art. 12. Voted to appropriate amt received from Dog tax, same as last year.

Art. 13. Voted so to authorize the Collector of taxes.

Art. 14. Voted to pass over the article (street lamps)

Art. 16. Voted to abolish the system of making an appropriation for discount on taxes and also  
  
Voted that at the end of thirty days, after date of tax bill, interest be added at the rate of four per cent on the face of the bill, and after that time, interest at the rate of one per cent a month additional until paid.

Art. 17. Referred to Selectmen to report at our next annual meeting.

Art. 19. Voted to adopt the article and that the money be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 21. Voted to pass over the article.

Art. 22. Voted to appropriate One hundred dollars for decorating Soldiers Graves.

Art. 23. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized by the Town to employ a Librarian for the Public Library and that Two hundred dollars be appropriated for that purposes.

Art. 24. Referred to Selectmen with full power.

Art. 25. Voted to accept Chap. 158. of the Acts of 1871, and that it take effect at the next annual meeting, also  
  
Voted that the Street Commissioners make a detailed financial statement to the Selectmen to be printed in the Town report.

Art. 26. Voted to pass over the article.

Art. 27. Voted to pay the bill.  
  
Voted that the following be dropped from the list of Town dues

Estate of S. Richardson etc.	10.27
Estate of S. E. Gutterson etc.	31.85

Voted to reconsider the vote on Art. 15, in regard to letting the collecting of taxes to the lowest responsible bidder.

Charles Pelham was chosen Collector of taxes for the ensuing year and sworn.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record.

Attest:

Charles Pelham  
Town Clerk.

**DR. Samuel G. Sargent, Treasurer in account with the Town of Methuen 1875**

To cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1874	3 939.25
Taxes uncollected	1 143.79
Cash received of Allen C. Taylor	1 000.00
Cash received Methuen National Bank	20 000.00
Cash received Methuen National Bank Rent	50.00
Cash received Allen W. Dodge, dog tax	387.18
Cash received Hannah Stiles	600.00
Cash received Daniel E. Cole	1 100.00
Cash received S. H. Harris, Rent	75.00
Cash received F. Saunders, License	2.00
Cash received Wm. Trow	2 000.00
Cash received Saml Stearns, tuition	6.00
Cash received Interest on Taxes	<u>14.91</u>
	\$30 318.33

**DR. Franklin Saunders, Treasurer (pro. Tem) in account with the Town of Methuen 1875**

Received of S. G. Sargent, Treas.	2 333.09
Tax list committed to Col	30 581.30
Chas. Adams, Jr. Corporation tax	2 173.28
Chas. Adams, Jr. State aid	1 000.00
Chas. Adams, Jr. Bank tax	578.81
Methuen Nat. Bank	1 399.64
Support of State pauper	100.57
S. H. Harris, Rent	225.00
Methuen Nat. Bank Rent	100.00
Frank Ingalls, Rent	205.00

S. B. Crombie	169.91
T. O. O. G. Templers, Rent	58.62
Interest on taxes	3.14
School Fund	<u>299.97</u>
	\$39 228.33

**CR. Franklin Saunders, Treasurer (pro. Tem) in account with the Town of Methuen 1875**

Paid sundry notes	7 200.00
Paid Interest	1 331.34
Paid Selectmen's Orders	11 835.34
Paid State tax	3 000.00
Paid County tax	2 074.56
Paid National Bank tax	933.96
Paid Discount on taxes	2 101.17
Paid Collecting taxes	306.94
Paid Making & distributing tax bill	30.00
Paid Uncollected taxes	875.07
Cash in Treasury	<u>7 539.75</u>
	\$39 228.33

The subscriber has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1875 and found them correct in all their parts.

George W. Tenney, Auditor

**Methuen, Feb. 18, 1875**

A true copy. Attest: Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting, June 7, 1875**

**Essex. S.S.**

To Wm. H. Butrick, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, **Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday, the seventh day of June next at Two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles. Viz.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art. 2. To see what further action the Town will take in regard to issuing Bonds in conformity to a vote to fund the Town debt passed at the last Annual Meeting, and adopt a schedule for the same.

Art. 3. By request of W. M. Rogers, to see if the Town will vote to build two or more Reservoirs on the Hill in the rear of the Stone Church and if so, to make appropriation for the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty ninth day of May A.D. Eighteen  
hundred and seventy five.

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce      } of  
D. T. Morrison      } Methuen

Essex. S.S. Methuen, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1875.

By virtue hereof, I have served this warrant as within commanded by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town House, and at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town of Methuen, Eight days before time of said meeting.

W. H. Butrick, Constable of Methuen.

A true Copy

## Attest

Charles Pelham, Town Clerk.

## **June 7, 1875 - Special Town Meeting**

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the seventh day of June A.D. 1875, at two o'clock P.M. agreeably to Warrant No. 5, File 10.

**Proceeded as follows. –**

Art. 1. Chas. E. Goss, was chosen Moderator.

The Clerk being absent (on account of sickness) Chas. E. Trow was chosen Clerk Pro. Tem. (sworn)

Art. 2. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to sign and issue Bonds approved by the Selectmen redeemable as follows – Three thousand dollars yearly, from 1881 to

and including 1890. From 1890, Four thousand dollars yearly, to 1895.

Art. 3. Voted that the Town of Methuen purchase the perpetual right to take water for the extinguishments of Fires from the Ponds situated in said Methuen, on land of G. W. Cochran, the one near the line of land of S. G. Sargent, and near Stable of said Sargent and the dwelling house of J. S. Bicknell and the other north of the residence of G. W. Lowell and the full enjoyment of the right to enter upon the land around said ponds for said purpose and for the purpose of repairing the Reservoirs, and also passage ways to the same.

Voted that said Ponds be put in suitable condition and that a passage way be prepared to reach the same with the apparatus necessary for extinguishing fire.

Voted that Two hundred & fifty dollars be appropriated to purchase said rights and put said ponds in suitable condition and make sufficient ways to the same.

Voted that the Board of Engineers & Daniel Currier, J. O. Parker and E. M. Clark be a committee to carry into execution the three votes in regard to said ponds.

Meeting dissolved.

Chas. E. Trow, Clerk Pro. Tem.

A true copy of the record. Attest:

Charles Pelham

Town Clerk.

### **Appointment of Town Clerk, Collector and Treasurer Pro. Tem.**

Whereas the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Methuen has this day become vacant in consequence of the death of Charles Pelham Esq.,

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, at a meeting held this day

for that purpose have appointed Charles S. Whittier, ~ Town Clerk pro Tem, for the remainder of the current year.

Joseph S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce              } of  
D. T. Morrison        } Methuen

### **Methuen October 22 1875**

Whereas the office of Collector of Taxes of the Town of Methuen has this day become vacant in consequence of the death of Charles Pelham Esq.,

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, at a meeting held this day  
for that purpose have appointed Charles S. Whittier, Collector of Taxes to fill said vacancy.

Joseph S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce              } of  
D. T. Morrison      } Methuen

### **Methuen October 22 1875**

Whereas the office of Treasurer of the Town of Methuen has this day become vacant in  
Consequence of the death of Charles Pelham Esq.,

We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Methuen, at a meeting held this day for that  
purpose have appointed Charles S. Whittier, Town Treasurer ~ pro Tem for the remainder of the  
current year.

Joseph S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce              } of  
D. T. Morrison      } Methuen

### **Methuen October 22 1875**

**Essex S.S.**      To Wm. H. Butrick one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County  
**Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are  
are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution  
directs to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the second day  
of November next – at – Ten O'clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots for a  
Governor of the Common-wealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councillor for district number Five,  
Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General,  
Senator for the Third Essex District, and one County Commissioner ~ all on one ballot, also to  
give in their ballots for three Representatives to represent Essex District number Three in the next  
General Court of the Commonwealth on a separate ballot. The polls to be opened at Ten O'Clock  
a.m. and kept open until Four O'clock P.M. and no longer –

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of  
the public Meeting Houses and at the Town House in said Town eight days at least before said  
meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant – with your – doings thereon to  
ourselves at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Methuen **this Twenty Third day of October in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.**

Jos. S. Howe      } Selectmen

Darius Pierce } of  
D. T. Morrison } Methuen

**Essex S.S.      Methuen October 25<sup>th</sup> 1875**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time place and for the purpose within named and I have served this warrant by posting attested copies hereof at the Town House and each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days before the time of said meeting.

Wm. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

A true Copy

Charles S. Whittier –  
Town Clerk

**State Election Nov 2 1875**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified by law to vote in elections held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the second day of November A.D. 1875 at ten O'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant 6, File 10.**

The votes were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made and sealed as the law directs and were as follows, Viz.

**For Governor**

Whole number Five hundred and twenty seven	527
Alexander H. Rice of Boston had Three hundred and forty	340
William Gaston of Boston had One hundred and eighty seven	187

**For Lieut. Governor**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty eight	538
Horatio G. Knight of East Hampton had Three hundred and forty eight	348
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had One hundred and eighty six	186

**For Councillor – District No. 5**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty one	531
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Robert Couch of Newburyport had Two hundred and ninety six	296
Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had Two hundred and thirty five	235

**For Secretary of State**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty five	535
Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Three hundred and forty nine	349
George H. Monroe of Boston had One hundred and Eighty six	186

**For Treasurer and Receiver General**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty six	536
Charles Endicott of Canton had Three hundred and fifty two	352
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had One hundred and Eighty four	184

**For Attorney General**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty five	535
Charles R. Train of Boston had Three hundred and fifty one	351
George F. Verny of Worcester had One hundred and eighty four	184

**For Auditor**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty six	536
Julius L. Clark of Newton had Three hundred and fifty one	351
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had One hundred and eighty five	185

**For Senator 3<sup>rd</sup> District**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty three	533
George L. Davis of North Andover had Three hundred and fifty	350
James H. Carleton of Haverhill had One hundred and Eighty three	183

**For County Commissioner**

Whole number Five hundred and thirty three	533
James Kimball of Salem had Three hundred and forty eight	348
Jonathan Nayson of Amesbury had One hundred and eighty five	185

**For Representatives to General Court – Essex District No 3**

Byron Truell of Lawrence had Three hundred and forty six	346
Edwin Aayer of Lawrence had Three hundred and thirty eight	338
Ebenezer Sawyer of Methuen had Three hundred and sixty seven	367
Caleb Saunders of Lawrence had One hundred and seventy	170
Timothy Dacey of Lawrence had One hundred and fifty four	154
Charles E. Hibberd of Methuen had Two hundred and six	206

James H. Kidder of Lawrence had Three	3
J. S. Howe of Methuen had one	1

Voted to adjourn

Attest – Charles S. Whittier, Town Clerk Pro. Tem.

### State Election November ~ 2d, 1875

In compliance with the provisions of Law We, Walter R. Rowe City Clerk of Lawrence and Charles S. Whittier Town Clerk pro Tem of Methuen met this Third day of November 1875 at Twelve O'clock Noon, in the City Hall in the City Clerk's office, Lawrence for the purpose of examining the returns of votes thrown on Tuesday the second day of November A.D. 1875 for Representatives to the next General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from Essex Representative District No 3, and we find on examining the returns of the Mayor and Alderman of Lawrence and the Selectmen of Methuen the following result – Viz.:

Byron Truell of Lawrence had Twenty hundred and thirty votes	2030
Edwin Ayer of Lawrence had Nineteen hundred and thirty five votes	1935
Ebenezer Sawyer of Methuen had Twenty hundred and eight	2008
Caleb Saunders of Lawrence had Eighteen hundred and fifty two	1852
Timothy Dacey of Lawrence had sixteen hundred and sixty seven	1667
Charles E. Hibberd of Methuen had seventeen hundred and twenty two	1722
James H. Kidder of Lawrence had One hundred and forty six	146
Samuel N. Knight of Lawrence had One hundred and thirty one	131
George N. Trickey of Lawrence had Two	2
Samuel Woodhall of Lawrence had one	1
George L. Davis of North Andover had one	1
James Tapbottom of Lawrence had One	1
A. Tobie of Lawrence had One	1
Rev. Wm Garrell of Lawrence had one	1
J. C. Bowker of Lawrence had one	1
John Fallon of Lawrence had one	1
Charles M. Martin of Lawrence had one	1
J. S. Howe of Methuen had one	1

And it appearing by said Returns made to us that Byron Truell, Edwin Ayer, and Ebenezer Sawyer have the highest number of votes thrown.

Therefore we declare said Truell, Ayer and Sawyer elected.

Attest ~ Walter R. Rowe, City Clerk of Lawrence

Attest ~ Charles S. Whittier ~ Town Clerk pro Tem of Methuen

**Lawrence Nov 3 1875**

**1876**

**DR. Franklin Saunders Treasurer Pro Tem in account with the Town of Methuen 1876**

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To uncollected Taxes	875.07	Paid by Allen Taylor note	1000.00
Cash in Treasury	9539.95	Paid by Allen Taylor Interest	139.00
Cash of Allen C. Taylor	1350.00	Paid by Abiah Richardson Interest	9.00
Cash of Fred Pearsone	2.50	Paid by Selectmen's Orders	2268.00
Cash of Interest on Taxes	11.68	Paid by Collecting Taxes	4.04
		Paid by Charles Pelham Treasurer	7476.45
		Paid by Charles S. Whittier	
		Treas. Pro Tem.	438.95
		Uncollected Taxes	443.76
	<u>11,779.20</u>		<u>11,779.20</u>

**CR. Charles Pelham Treasurer in a/c with the Town of Methuen**

March 1875

To Cash of Franklin Saunders	7,476.45
To Cash of Methuen National Bank	15,000.00
To Cash of Rent of Methuen National Bank	175.00
To Cash of Tax list to Collector	29,888.52
To Cash of For Sale of Bonds	50,880.00
From N. E. Trust Co	5,000.00
From Thomas A. Rowell	1,000.00
From Jacob Rowell	900.00
From Daniel E. Cole	1,200.00
From Lydia Merrill	300.00
From S. H. Harris Jr. Rent	150.00
From S. H. Harris, Jr. License	75.00
From Castle & Stevens License	75.00
From S. Q. Hersey License	100.00
From Good Templars Rent	12.50
From F. Saunders License	2.00

For Dog Licenses	527.00
For Interest on Taxes	2740.00
From John Tenny for Lamp	11.00
From A. N. Dodge Dog Tax 1874	<u>417.83</u>
	114,632.52
 Paid By Sundry Notes	50,800.00
Paid By Interest	4,260.61
Paid By Selectmen's Orders	12,484.52
Paid By State Treasurer License	62.50
Paid By State Tax	3,000.00
Paid By County Tax	2,060.85
Paid By Uncollected Taxes	4,341.25
Paid By C. Pelham as Treasurer	37.50
Paid By C. Pelham as Clerk	12.50
Paid By C. Pelham making & distributing Bills	30.00
Paid By C. Pelham percent w/Dog Tax	46.40
Paid By C. Pelham Collecting Taxes	255.47
Paid By C. Pelham Expressing	.50
Paid By Bal. Cash on hand	<u>37,240.42</u>
	<u>114,632.52</u>

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

To Cash of Charles Pelham	37,240.42
To Tax List Uncollected	4,341.25
To Cash from S. H. Harris Rent	150.00
To Cash from Good Templars	18.75
To Cash from Methuen Natl. Bank Bal of Int.	108.33
To Cash from Dog Tax	4.80
To Cash from Sale of Stone D. H. Rowell	125.30
To Cash from Corporation Tax Chas. Adams Jr.	1,946.16
To Cash from State Aid	1,000.00
To Cash from Bank Tax	591.80
To Cash from School fund	263.90
To Cash from City of Boston	5.77
To Cash from City of Lawrence	1.00
To Cash from Estate T. J. Richardson	72.29
To Cash from Superintendent Town farm	157.88
To Cash from Frank Ingalls Janitor	238.50
To Cash from S. G. Sargent – Collector	681.79
To Cash from F. Saunders – Collector	438.95
To Cash from Interest on Taxes	131.77
To Cash from Town of Stoughton	90.54
To Cash from City of Lowell	28.18
To Cash Town of Duxbury	<u>30.50</u>

	<u>47,667.88</u>
Paid by Sundry Notes	27,775.00
Paid by Interest on Notes	511.50
Paid by National Bank Tax	974.60
Paid by Uncollected Taxes	1,449.72
Paid by Selectmen's Orders	8,077.58
Paid by Collecting Taxes	26.47
Paid by Cash in Treasury	<u>8,853.01</u>
	<u>47,667.88</u>

The Subscriber has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and the several Treasurers for the year ending February 1 1876 and found them correct in all their parts.

A. L. Gale, Auditor

## **Methuen Mass February 15 1876**

Attest

## Charles S. Whittier

## Town Clerk pro Tem

## Town Warrant ~1876

## Essex S.S.

To William H. Buttrick, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday, the sixty day of March next at ten O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz.:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee-man to serve three years (in place of Samuel G. Sargent, whose term expires), Constables, Auditor of Accounts and Fence Viewers, all upon one ballot; also to choose a Collector of Taxes by ballot and all other necessary Town officers in such a manner as the Town may determine. The polls to be kept open until 12 ½ O'clock P.M.
- Art. 3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

- Art. 5. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 6. To determine by what method the Town will appropriate its highway taxes and repair its highways the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as jurors the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.
- Art. 10. To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog tax agreeably to Chapter 250 Acts of 1869.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to print a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town report.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to erect additional street lamps and make appropriation therefore.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to pay for lighting street lights owned by individuals and take such further action thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 16. By request of Jonathan Morse and thirteen others to see if the Town will vote to let out the collection of taxes the ensuing year to the lowest bidder furnishing satisfactory bonds.
- Art. 17. By request of Joseph E. Buswell to see if the Town will vote to increase the present number of its School Committee so that the whole number shall be six, and give said School Committee power to appoint a superintendent if they may deem it advisable, at a salary of not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum, said School Committee receiving no salary in case of such appointment of a superintendent.
- Art. 18. By request of D. Pierce and others to see if the Town will appropriate one hundred dollars for decorating soldiers graves.

- Art. 19. To see if the Town will revoke the acceptance of chapter 158 Acts of 1871 which was voted at the Annual Town Meeting in 1875.
- Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Constables to enforce the dog law without previously notifying dog owners who have neglected to procure a license.
- Art. 21. By request of Walter E. Stevens and others to see if the Town will vote to make a special appropriation of one thousand dollars for repairs on the river road between Methuen and Lowell.
- Art. 22. By request of Moses E. Kimball and others to see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation for the further completing of much needed repairs on the river road between Lawrence and Haverhill this "Centennial Year".
- Art. 23. By request of James O. Parker to see if the Town will vote to purchase a pair of horses, carts and harnesses to be used by the Road Commissioner in the Village district and by the Fire Department.
- Art. 24. By request of Charles E. Goss to see if the Town will vote to lay an iron pipe to supply water for the extinguishments of fires, if so, to determine the amount thereof, size and location of the same, and make the necessary appropriation therefore.
- Art. 25. By request of the Board of Engineers to see if the Town will vote to pay the City of Haverhill the sum of fifty dollars and fifty cents for services rendered by a portion of the Fire Department of that city at the late fire on Howe Street, in this Town, and make an appropriation for that purpose.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will construct sewers to convey the water from "Hampshire Street" "White's Hill" "Pleasant Street" "Charles Street" to Spicket River and make an appropriation therefore.
- Art. 27. To see what action, if any, the Town will take to obtain additional land for the purpose of enlarging the Town House, and make an appropriation therefore.
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept the street passing the houses of S. H. Harris Jr. and John Stevens; also the street from Pleasant Street to the above named street near the house of said Stevens; also the street from Pleasant Street to the above first named street, near the house of S. G. Sargent; also the street from the first named street past the houses of John Bodwell and John C. Webster, as laid out by the Selectmen.
- Art. 29. By request of E. K. Kent and others, to see if the Town will vote a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of providing suitable ventilators for the Town Hall.
- Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose of enlarging the well near the house of H. N. Coburn; also to open and clean out the well near the house of Moses G. Smith.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses, in said Town seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands **this twenty six day of February A.D. Eighteen hundred and seventy six.**

Joseph S. Howe	} Selectmen
D. Pierce	} of
D. T. Morrison	} Methuen

**Essex S.S.      Methuen February 28 1876**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within named and I have served this warrant by posting attesting copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

W. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

A True Copy

Attest

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

### **March 6, 1876 ~ Annual Town Meeting**

**The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen was held at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1876 at Ten O'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant No 7 File 10.**

Art. 1.      William W. Rogers was chosen **Moderator** and sworn

Prayer was made by Rev C. H. Cressy

Art. 17.      Was indefinitely postponed by vote of the meeting

Art. 16.      Vote that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to take this article into consideration and report at the next annual meeting in March

Joseph E. Buswell      }  
Amos L. Gale            } Committee appointed  
Jacob Emerson           }

Art. 19. Voted to revoke the acceptance of Chapter 158 Acts of 1871 and to elect by ballot one Road Commissioner from the East part of the Town one from the West part and one from the Village district, the three to serve for one year.

Art. 2 For **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**, Charles S. Whittier was chosen and sworn.

For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor ~ Chosen and sworn

Darius Pierce  
Alonzo P. Chase  
Joseph S. Howe  
For **School Committee** for three years

Lyman B. Gage was chosen

## For **Constables** – chosen and sworn

William H. Butrick  
Eben G. Knights  
John McFarland

For **Auditor** – chosen and sworn

Samuel H. Harris

For **Fence Viewers** – chosen (x means they were sworn)

Alfred Clark x  
William C. Jackson  
George N. Butters x

## For **Road Commissioners** – chosen and sworn

D. H. Rowell  
Edmund P. Sargent  
Walter E. Stevens

## For Field Drivers – chosen and sworn

William H. Butrick      William M. Rogers (not sworn)

Moses N. Bowen	Jesse A. Town
Mark Keyes	Varnum Corliss
Frank S. Kelley	Charles S. Whittier
Charles Emerson (not sworn)	

**For Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Appointed by Selectmen

**For Pound Keepers - chosen**

Stephen N. Williams H. Chadwick

**For Surveyors of Lumber – chose and sworn**

Ralph Clark	Frank Ingalls	Frank Saunders
John H. McFarland	Almon S. Moody	Joseph S. Howe
Oliver Kimball	John Q. Hill (not sworn)	Horace Whittier (not sworn)
Moses E. Kimball	E. L. Whittier	M. G. Copp
S. H. Harvey	J. O. Parker	Jesse A. Town (not sworn)
D. T. Morrison (not sworn)		

**For Surveyors of Plaster – chosen**

Jesse A. Town (not sworn)	L. B. Gage (sworn)
M. G. Copp (not sworn)	

**For Surveyors of Wood and Bark – chosen and sworn**

William H. Butrick	Walter E. Stevens
Fred Spear (not sworn)	Charles Jackson (not sworn)
James Dowding (not sworn)	Elias Grimes
James Allen	H. S. Whittier (not sworn)
Eben G. Knights	James O. Parker
Horace Carleton	Moses E. Kimball
Nelson Blodget	Ralph Clark
D. M. Cole (not sworn)	G. E. Clark (not sworn)
Oliver Kimball	D. H. Rowell (not sworn)
Moses G. Smith	Chas. S. Whittier (not sworn)
Alonzo Searles (not sworn)	

Art. 3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen

Art. 21. Voted to make an especial appropriation of One Thousand dollars to be expended under the direction of the Road Commissioner of that District who is to render a specific account of the disbursement.

Art. 26. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to construct the sewers, and that an especial appropriation be made of One Thousand dollars for the purpose.

Art. 25. That the Bill of the City of Haverhill Fire Department be paid in full and that in case of a fire in Haverhill, the Methuen Fire Department be solicitous to do all they can, to assist in extinguishing the same, without any charge or bill to the City of Haverhill, and that the engineers be authorized to make such an arrangement with the Fire Department of the City of Haverhill, for the use of their Engine at Ayer Village, as will be for the mutual interest of the two towns.

Art. 5. Voted that at the expiration of thirty days after the date of all Tax Bills for the ensuing year, unpaid, one per cent per month shall be added thereafter until the same are paid.

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate its highway taxes and repair its highways the same as last year.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may be come due during the year or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 8. Voted that the names of Samuel H. Harris and G. S. Emery at their request be stricken from the list of Jurors and the names of Stephen Currier and Varnum Corliss be inserted instead.

The following **list of jurors** was then approved and accepted.

Charles Austin	John N. Bodwell	Geo. N. Butters
George A. Butters	Stephen J. Barker	Nelson M. Blodgett
John Boardman	H. N. Coburn	J. W. Doe
J. T. Douglas	Varnum Corliss	Joseph R. Emerson
John W. Frederick	James Fulton	B. G. Gutterson
George N. Gage	Albert B. Gordon	Stephen Currier
Charles H. Harvey	Henry N. Hall	Joseph S. Howe
Samuel Huse	Ed F. Johnson	Moses E. Kimball
John G. Low	Cummings Messer	Geo O. Marsh
German S. Phippen	James E. Messer	Amos C. Rollins
Daniel C. Rollins	Addison P. Russell	Walter E. Stevens
Franklin Saunders	Samuel G. Sargent	Edmund P. Sargent
Moses G. Smith	Leverett Swan	Geo. N. Sawyer
Charles E. Trow	James M. Troy	Stephen N. Williams

B. Frank Woodbury      Charles S. Whittier      Charles L. Wilson  
E. M. Walton

Art. 10.      Voted to grant to the members of the Fire Department for the ensuing year the same compensation that they were granted for the last year.

Art. 11.      Voted to restrain neat cattle horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12.      Vote to appropriate the amount received from dog tax agreeably to Chap 250 Acts of 1869 in the same manner as last year.

Art. 13.      Voted to authorize the Collector of Taxes to print a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town report.

Art. 14.      Voted to postpone indefinitely this article.

Art. 15.      Voted to refer this article to the Selectmen to take such action thereon as they may think proper.

Art. 18.      Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Art. 20.      Voted to instruct as heretofore.

Art. 24.      Voted on motion of Charles Ingalls, Esq. that the Town lay a six inch pipe from the corner of Broadway and Osgood streets to the corner Lawrence and Park streets near the Baptist Church, and a four inch iron pipe from Methuen Company's Mills to Exchange Square; up Hampshire street to Broadway; through then Mill Yard, and five hundred and fifty feet up Pine Avenue, then through Lowell Street to Rail Road Square; through Osgood street to Broadway, through Broadway to the Methuen Woolen Mill, including hydrants every three hundred and fifty feet, according to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for 1875 and 1876, and that the present Board of Engineers be authorized to compile the work. On a motion of David Nevins, Esq. that Messrs Charles Ingalls and Joseph E. Buswell be a committee to carefully examine and look into the construction of the is work. On motion of N. H. Butrick that David Nevis be also added, and that the sum of Five thousand dollars be appropriated for the completion of the work.

Art. 23.      Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 22.      Voted that the request in this article be not granted.

Art. 9.      Voted that the following report made by the Selectmen be accepted and adopted.

The undersigned a committee to whom was referred the petition of H. J. Whittier, for the enlargement of the burying ground near the Bartlet Farm, have examined the subject, and report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, and they recommend that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase additional land, surround it with a suitable fence, and lay it out suitably for a burying ground; and that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated therefore.

Joseph S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce              } of  
D. T. Morrison      } Methuen

**Methuen March 1, 1876**

Voted that the following report be recommitted.

The Selectmen a committee appointed to report on the subject of building a new School house in Methuen Village, report that it is inexpedient to build a new school house the present year, and recommend that the whole subject be recommitted to the Selectmen with instructions to report thereon at the next annual meeting.

Art. 4.      Voted to appropriate for the ensuing year the following the following named sums as estimated by the Selectmen.

For support of Schools seven thousand dollars	7,000.00
For Repairs on Schoolhouses three hundred dollars	300.00
For Supplies for Schools Two hundred dollars	200.00
For Music in Schools Five hundred dollars	500.00
For Highways and repairs on roads Four thousand dollars	4,000.00
For Roads, Bridges and Opening Roads One thousand dollars	1,000.00
For Fire Department Eight hundred dollars	800.00
For Pauper Department Two thousand dollars	2,000.00
For Contingencies Seven hundred dollars	700.00
For Town Officers Eight hundred dollars	800.00
For School Committee Two hundred dollars	200.00
For Interest on Town debt Forty five hundred dollars	4,500.00
For Collecting Taxes Three hundred and fifty dollars	350.00
For Street Lights Five hundred dollars	500.00
For Librarian Two hundred dollars	200.00
Total, Twenty three thousand and fifty dollars	23,050.00

Art. 28.      Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen with instructions to report at the next Annual Meeting.

Art. 28. Voted to accept the is Article as laid out as follows, by the Selectmen - Whereas John Webster and others have petitioned that certain Town ways be laid out past the houses of S. H. Harris Jr. and John Stevens also past the house of Christopher Howe, and past the house of John C. Webster, We the Selectmen (undersigned) of Methuen have this day laid out said Town ways as hereinafter ~ described:

First beginning at a point on the easterly side of Broadway Street, as show upon a plan of lots belonging to Geo. N. Gage, surveyed August 1860 and recorded in Essex Registry, thence running north 78 degrees east two hundred seventy five feet as the fence stands; thence north 85  $\frac{3}{4}$  degrees – one hundred eighty nine feet, thence south 83 degrees east ninety one feet; then south 85  $\frac{1}{4}$  degrees east – sixty one feet thence south 89  $\frac{1}{4}$  east four hundred seven and one half feet, thence south 29  $\frac{3}{4}$  east – one hundred eighty feet to pleasant street; the road to be laid out on the south and west side of the above described line and of the following width, viz. at Broadway Street sixty feet in width; at a point one hundred and fifteen feet from Broadway fifty feet in width; thence continuing fifty feet in width three hundred forty nine feet, thence narrowing to the width of forty four feet in a distance of ninety one feet, thence continuing a width of forty four feet about one hundred and forty three feet, thence thirty one feet in width three hundred and twenty five feet; thence to Pleasant Street a width of twenty nine feet.

The Second way laid out begins at a point on the south side of the above described street, six hundred and ninety nine feet from Broadway Street, thence south 3 degrees west to Pleasant Street, the road to be laid out on the west side of said line and to be thirty three feet in width at the point of beginning and thirty feet in width at Pleasant Street.

The Third way laid out, begins at a point on the north side of the first described street, two hundred and thirty five feet from Broadway Street at a stone post at the corner of the Estate of Mrs. Daniel Gleason, thence north 4/2 degrees six hundred sixty seven feet as the fence now stands; thence northerly four hundred twenty one

feet as shown by the said plan of Gage land, said street to be laid out on the east side of the above described line, and forty feet in width. The above described Town ways are shown in part on the plan of said Gage lots and in part on a plan drawn by Joseph S. Howe February 1876.

Joseph S. Howe      } Selectmen  
D. Pierce              } of  
**Methuen March 4 1876**      D. T. Morrison      } Methuen

Art. 29. **Voted** that the Selectmen be authorized to provide suitable ventilators for the Town Hall, and an especial appropriation of One hundred and fifty dollars be made for such purpose.

Art. 30. **Voted** to appropriate, especially, One hundred and fifty dollars to be expended under the direction of the road commissioners for the purpose of enlarging the well near the house of H. N. Coburn, also to open and clean out the well near the house of Moses G. Smith, and that hereafter, the Road Commissioners be authorized to keep the public wells and pumps of the Town in good condition.

The following resolutions on motion of Joseph E. Buswell Esq. seconded by Mr. David Nevins were read and adopted by a rising vote of the entire meeting.

**Whereas**

By the immutable will of Divine Providence, it has been seen fit to remove from our midst Deacon Joseph Frye Ingalls

**Resolved**

That in the death of Deacon Joseph Frye Ingalls, humanity loses a friend; Christianity a zealous and faithful laborer ~ the Town of Methuen an upright, able and liberal citizen.

**Resolved**

That in respect for and appreciation of that wisdom which we have so oftentimes benefited by, that integrity in the discharge of Public duties, that spirit for the public good so often manifested, We the Citizens of the Town of Methuen, in Town Meeting assembled do order that these resolutions be engraved upon the Records of this Town,

**Resolved**

That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased, also to the Lawrence American for publication.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

### **Methuen Company to the Inhabitants of Methuen**

**[David Nevins, President and Treasurer, Methuen Company to the Inhabitants of the Town of Methuen – Recorded May 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 at 7:30 p.m. – C. S. Whittier, Town Clerk]**

Know all men by these Presents that the Methuen Company a body Corporate owning a certain water power and mill property situated in the Town of Methuen, County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of one dollar and other valuable considerations paid by the Inhabitants of said Town, do covenant and agree for itself, its successors and assigns to grant the use of said water power to the said Inhabitants for the

purpose of extinguishing fire solely, that may occur within the limits of said Town hereinafter described. And the said Corporation its successors and assigns do hereby covenant and agree with the said Inhabitants in case of fire solely, to use the machinery connected with the mills of said Corporation to force water through the water pipes of said Town to such distance or locality as said machinery can exert its force beneficially, and such distance shall constitute the limits above mentioned. And the said Corporation covenants to keep proper men in their employ to have charge of said machinery and only such of the Inhabitants of said Town shall have access to such machinery as the said Corporation and the said Inhabitants shall agree upon, License is granted to the said Inhabitants to make the necessary connection between the water pipes of said Town and the water pipes of said Corporation.

The Inhabitants of said Town of Methuen covenant and agree with the said Corporation that in case the machinery necessary for the forcing of water shall become injured, while used in the employ of said Inhabitants, that the said Inhabitants will pay to the said Corporation the amount of damage that said machinery shall receive other than its natural wear.

If said mill property shall be destroyed and same machinery unable to work, said contract shall be null and void. And it is understood and agreed between the said Corporation and the said Inhabitants that the above agreement ceases to be of effect and becomes null and void upon the non existence of the Methuen Company as a Corporate body and said Corporate body may surrender its charter without any liability for damage for breach of any contract contained in the above agreement.

Witness the seal of said Corporation this Twenty Ninth day of April A.D. 1876.

Witnesses: George A. Skinner  
J. P. Bradlee

David Nevins  
President & Treasurer Methuen Co [Seal]

### **Warrant for Special Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> 1876**

**Essex SS**

To William Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen on Monday the fifteenth day of May instant at Two O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting
- Art. 2. To see what action the Town will take in regard to rebuilding the Bank wall on Charles Street in the rear of the house of James Snell, and also to make an appropriation of money for the same.

And you are directed to serve the warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of May A.D. One Thousand Eight-hundred and seventy six.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier

### Town Clerk.

## Essex SS

**Methuen May 8<sup>th</sup> 1876**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within named and I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Methuen seven days before the time of said meeting.

N. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

## Special Town Meeting

**At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen held at the Town Hall in said  
Town  
Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1876 agreeable to Warrant Number 8 File 10.**

Art. 1 John W. Frederick was chosen Moderator and sworn

Art. 2 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to relay the w

line of the street, that the sum of Eight hundred and nine dollars be paid for the same, and the Selectmen be instructed to let the

Art. 2 Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to relay the wall on Charles Street on the line of the street, that the sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the same and the Selectmen be instructed to let the work to the lowest bidder, to be done to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier

Town Clerk

## **Warrant for a Special Town Meeting**

**Essex SS**

To Wm H. Butrick one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in Elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Methuen, on Monday the third day of July next, at seven O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

- Art. 1 To choose a moderator preside in said meeting
- Art. 2 To see if the Town will vote to celebrate the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of its incorporation as a Town, and also the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Nation's existence in accordance with the resolution passed by Congress, and make an appropriation therefore ~
- Art. 3 To make all other necessary arrangements that the Town may think proper to carry out the foregoing celebration.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands, this Twenty fourth day of June A.D. Eighteen hundred and seventy six.

D. Pierce      } Selectmen  
Jos. S. Howe    } of  
A. P. Chase    } Methuen

**Methuen June 26<sup>th</sup> 1876**

**Essex SS**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the inhabitants of said Methuen to meet at the time and place for the purpose within named and I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town Eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Wm H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen  
Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

## **Special Town Meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876**

**At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen held at the Town Hall on Monday July 34d 1876 agreeably to warrant no 9 File 10**

Art. 1 Joseph S. Howe was chosen **Moderator** ~

Art. 2 **Voted that the Town will celebrate the One Hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation as a Town, and also the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Nations existence in accordance with the resolution passed by Congress.**

Art. 3 Voted that the chair appoint a committee of Fifteen to consult as to the whole subject, and report at a future meeting, what is best to have done.

The Chair appointed as the **Committee**

Moses W. Bowen  
Charles E. Goss  
William M. Rogers  
Darius Pierce  
G. Haskell Gordon  
Leverett Bradley  
H. Newton Coburn  
Joseph E. Buswell  
Moses G. Smith  
George G. Smith  
George O. Marsh  
Walter E. Stevens  
Ebenezer Sawyer  
James Ingalls  
Charles E. Trow  
Jacob Emerson and it was

Voted That the other Two Selectmen consisting of Joseph S. Howe and Alonzo P. Chase also the Town Clerk Charles S. Whittier be added to this committee.

Voted To adjourn till Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1876 at 7 ½ O'clock p.m. to hear the report of the committee.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

## **Town Meeting, Adjourned from July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876**

### **Methuen Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1876**

**Town Meeting according to adjournment was held in the Town Hall this evening at 7 ½ O'clock**

Joseph S. Howe Esq. **Moderator**

The Committee appointed at the last Town Meeting presented the following Report, which was read, and adopted, with the exception of the last clause, relating to an appropriation.

### **Methuen July 17 1876**

Mr. Moderator and Gentlemen,

The Committee appointed by the Town on the third instant, to consider the subject matter of celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corporation of the Town, and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nation, have attended to that duty, and make the following suggestions,

That inasmuch as the Town has already voted to celebrated this anniversary, every effort should be made to arouse the enthusiasm, and awaken an interest among our citizens so that by a united effort, the celebration may be worthy our good old Town, and the anniversary we commemorate, your Committee recommend as a general plan,

First	That there be a public procession, consisting of military, (representing the ancient and modern styles of equipment Fire department, Public Schools, the various organizations in Town, trades and Citizens generally,
Second	Music, instrumental and vocal, an historical sketch of the Town, and such other literary exercises as may be hereafter determined upon.
Third	A public dinner, to be followed by music and speeches and any other exercises which will contribute to the interest and enjoyment of the day. Your committee recommend that the grove and land of the late Stephen Barker on Lowell Street be secured for the celebration, and a tent procured and erected thereon for the dinner.

Your committee also recommend the appointment of committees at this meeting, to carry out the foregoing plan, and would suggest the following names of persons suitable to act on the committees hereafter named.

The committee also recommend the appropriation of One thousand dollars by the Town to defray the expenses of the celebration.

J. S. Howe, Chairman  
B. E. Goss, Secy.

## Committees

### Committee on Invitations

Joseph S. Howe	Eben Sawyer
Daniel T. Morrison	John H. Morse
	George N. Gage

### Reception

Charles S. Whittier	George E. Woodbury
James Ingalls	Samuel H. Harris, Jr.
	Daniel N. Tenney

### Military

Leverett Bradley	John S. Tapley
Daniel Currier	Joseph G. Buswell
Moses N. Bowen	William H. Johnson
Albert Dane	J. B. Wardwell

### Collation

J. Haskell Gordon	Walter E. Stevens	George B. Bradley
Darius Pierce	George O. Marsh	Edward F. Johnson
Franklin Saunders	Jesse A. Town	William C. Sleeper
E. W. Walton	Charles H. Harvey	James E. Messer
W. H. Butters	Stephen N. Williams	

### Procession

Charles E. Goss	James Ingalls	Charles R. Ayer
Robert H. Shield	Stephen J. Barker	George N. Sawyer
E. B. Homer		

### Finance

Darius Pierce	Joseph S. Howe
Alonzo P. Chase	Charles S. Whittier

### Oration and Exercises

Samuel G. Sargent	William M. Rogers
Charles E. Trow	George N. Tenney
James O. Parker	Charles E. Hibberd

### Music

Jacob Emerson  
Cummings Messer  
E. K. Kent

Amos L. Gale  
Alonzo P. Chase  
Charles Austin

Charles Easton

### **Committee on Carriages**

Varnum Corliss  
Daniel E. Cole

Edmund P. Sargent  
A. P. Russell

Moses G. Smith

### **General Committee of Arrangements**

Joseph S. Howe  
Jacob Emerson  
Charles S. Whittier  
Samuel G. Sargent

J. H. Gordon  
Darius Pierce  
Charles E. Goss  
David Nevins

Eben Sawyer  
Leveret Bradley  
Varnum Corliss

### **Honorary Committee**

Charles Ingalls  
Joseph Howe  
Daniel Merrill  
Leonard Wheeler  
Abner Stevens  
Charlie Russell  
Samuel Cross  
Aaron Jacks  
Joseph S. Morse  
Henry Townsend  
George W. Butters  
Eldridge W. Clark  
W. S. Gorrell  
Daniel Carleton  
Jonathan Cluff  
F. R. Frye  
Asa Palmer  
Jesse Ayer  
John Frye  
B. F. Woodbury  
Edmund Sargent  
James Walton  
T. P. Huse  
John C. Webster  
Samuel Huse  
Jonathan Jennings  
Ralph Clark  
Gilbert Emerson

Joseph Smith  
Henry Spencer  
John F. Tenney  
Fairfield White  
Edward Kimball  
Washington Merrill  
Hezekiah Chadwick  
Horatio Stevens  
Jonathan Morse  
Gilman H. Smith  
Alfred Clark  
Charles Tozier  
Joshua P. Hill  
William Cross  
J. W. Doe  
Irwin Stevens  
John N. Bodwell  
Samuel E. Foss  
Stephen Currier  
G. S. Phippen  
Stephen N. Williams  
Charles Richardson  
James M. Frye  
Samuel D. Chase  
Daniel Merrill  
Branch G. Gutterson  
Dean Emerson  
H. W. Coburn

Jesse Heath      John Richardson  
Nathaniel Dowding      Rufus Griffin  
David Nevins

Voted, That the committee have power to call on any additional assistance they may desire.

Voted, Unanimously, that David Nevins, Esq., be added to the General and also to the Honorary Committees.

Voted, That One thousand dollars be appropriated for this celebration.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to set out a Centennial Tree. The Chair appointed J. Madison Doe, Franklin Saunders, and Charles Ingalls.

Voted, That this Committee have full power to select the kind of tree, the season, and place and when to set it.

Voted, That the matter of the price of tickets for the dinner be left to the committee having the dinner in charge.

Voted, That the day of the celebration be left with the General Committee to fix.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourns, it be till Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> next, at 7 ½ O'clock p.m., to hear the report of the Committee.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be instructed to notify the persons on the Committees, and to which committee they are appointed.

Voted, That the matter of a collation for the School Children, be left to the General Committee to arrange.

Voted, To Adjourn

## **Town Meeting Adjourned from July 17<sup>th</sup> 1876**

At an adjourned Town Meeting held on Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> 1876 in the Town Hall, Jacob Emerson Esq. was chosen Moderator, pro Tem.

The several Committees appointed by the Town on the celebration of the One hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of incorporation of the Town, reported as follows.

Committee on Invitations, Reported that they were nearly ready to issue invitations, and were busy in the compilation of this work.

Committee on Reception, Reported that no meeting as yet had been called by them.

Committee on Military, Reported considerable enthusiasm and hoped to bring out a good body of men.

Committee on Collation, Reported considerable progress and expected to be all ready for the celebration.

Committee on Procession, Reported that they expected to make a full representation of the different organizations in Town, also of the Schools, Trades and others.

Committee on Finance Reported no progress, there having been no need of a meeting.

Committee on Oration and Exercises, Reported that the "how" John K. Tarbox of Lawrence, a native of Methuen, had accepted an invitation to deliver the Oration on the day of the celebration

—  
that Jacob Emerson Esq. had been selected as President of the Day and Jos. Sidney Howe, Esq.  
as  
the Historian.

Committee Carriages, Reported facilities for all the accommodation that would be wanted.

Committee on Music, Reported the engagement of the Germania Band from Boston.

Committee on Centennial Tree, Reported that they had decided to set out an Elm Tree, in the square near the Hay Scales, to be protected by stone posts.

On motion of Mark Keyes Esq., it was unanimously voted that the Selectmen be instructed to prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors in this Town on the one hundred and fiftieth  
anniversary  
of the existence of the Town, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. George N. Sawyer, declining to serve on the committee on procession, on account of Engagements, it was unanimously voted that Granville E. Foss Esq. be appointed to fill his place.

Voted that the whole matter of free tickets, to the dinner, be left with the General Committee of arrangements.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier ~ Town Clerk

## **Warrant for Special Town Meeting Sept 1876**

**Essex SS.** To William H. Butrick, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the Eleventh

day of September instant at Two O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles. Viz.

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2 By request of William Barnes and others, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the selectmen to enforce the Liquor License Law.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town House, and at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of September A.D. Eighteen Hundred and seventy six.

D. Pierce                   } Selectmen  
Jos. S. Howe               } of  
A. P. Chase               } Methuen

**Essex SS**

**Methuen Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1876**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of said Methuen to meet at the time place and for the purpose within named, and I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each Meeting House in said Methuen, Eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

N. H. Butrick

Constable of Methuen

**Special Town Meeting Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1876**

**At a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen held in the Town Hall on Monday**

September 11<sup>th</sup> 1876 agreeably to Warrant number 10 File 10,

Art. 1 Granville E. Foss was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the vote of this meeting on article 2 be taken by yeas and nays.

Art. 2 Voted that the Selectmen be requested to enforce the Liquor License Law, 49 years, no yays.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier

## Town Clerk

## Perambulation Sept 1876

## Perambulation of the line between Salem NH and Methuen Mass,

The subscribers, Selectmen  
of the Towns of Salem NH, and Methuen Mass, met on Friday, Sept 22 1876, and perambulated  
the line between the said Towns, Salem and Methuen and found the bounds substantially set,  
and the courses from one bound to the other as follows, viz., Commencing at the Northeasterly  
corner of Methuen, at Haverhill line, at a stone set in the ground, thence south 49 degrees 56 feet  
west 93 rods to a stone set in the ground, a few rods south Aaron G. Wilson's house, thence  
south

70 20 degrees west 1159 rods, to a stone set in the ground in Strong Water Meadow, thence north 1° 18' west 691 1/2 rods crossing the Turnpike, so called to a stone set in the ground East of George Silver's house, thence north 87° 53' west 226 rods crossing the road in front of said Silver's on the side of the hill, to a stone set in the ground southwest of said Silver's then south 79° 19' west, 137 rods to a stone set in the ground, at the corner of Salem and Pelham, And they find stones at the several points where the Town lines cross the Public road.

D. Pierce                   } Selectmen  
Joseph S. Howe           } of Methuen

William B. Kimball } Selectmen  
Charles J. Bowker } of Salem

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk  
Methuen

## **Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 1876**

**Essex SS**

To Wm H. Butrick one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County.

**Greeting,**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified as the Constitution directs to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the seventh

day of November next at Ten O'clock in the forenoon then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for District Number six, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General of the State Auditor of accounts, Attorney General, one Senator for the Sixth Essex District, One County Commissioner, County Treasurer, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds for the Northern District of Essex, Also one Representative to represent the seventh Congressional District of the Commonwealth in the next Congress of the United States, also thirteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, all to be balloted for one ballot.

Also three Representatives to represent Essex District Number Nineteen in the next General Court of the Commonwealth on a separate ballot.

The polls to be kept open until four o'clock p.m.; and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses and at the Town House in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen this twenty eighth of October, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

D. Pierce	} Selectmen
Jos. S. Howe	} of
A. P. Chase	} Methuen

**Methuen October 30<sup>th</sup> 1876**

**Essex SS**

By virtue hereof I have as within directed notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within named, and I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town House and at each Public Meeting House in said Town eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

N. H. Butrick  
Constable of Methuen

A True Copy, attest –

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

## **Town Meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> 1876**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday the seventh day of November A.D. 1876 at Ten O'clock A.M. agreeably to Warrant number 11 File 10, the votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were as follows**

\*The whole number of votes for **Governor** was Seven hundred and twenty 720

Alexander H. Rice of Boston had Four hundred and thirty nine 439

Charles Francis Adams of Quincy had Two hundred and Eighty one 281

The whole number of votes for **Lieut.Governor** seven hundred & thirty nine 739

Horatio G. Knight of East Hampton had Four hundred and forty three 443

Wm R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had Two hundred and ninety six 296

### **For Councilor for the Sixth District**

Joseph A. Harwood of Littleton had Three hundred and one 441

James S. Harriman of Hudson had Three hundred and one 301

### **For Secretary of State**

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Four hundred and forty 440

Weston Howland of Fairhaven had Three hundred and one 301

### **For Treasurer and Receiver-General**

Charles Endicott of Canton had Four hundred and forty 440

David N. Skillings of Winchester had Three and five 305

### **For Auditor of Accounts**

Julius L. Clark of Newton had Four hundred and forty two votes 442

John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had Three hundred and one votes 301

### **For Attorney General**

Charles R. Train of Boston had Four hundred and forty one votes 441

Richard Olney of Boston had Three hundred and one votes 301

### **For Senator for Sixth Essex District**

Byron Truell of Lawrence had Four hundred and twenty four votes 424

Eben Sutton of North Andover had Three hundred and give votes For <b>County Commissioner</b>	305
Zachariah Graves of Lynn had Two hundred and seventy five votes Joseph S. Howe of Methuen had Four hundred and sixty nine votes	275 469
 For <b>County Treasurer</b>	
Allen N. Dodge of Hamilton had Four hundred and forty two votes Thomas Ingalls of Marblehead had Three hundred and one votes	442 301
 For <b>Clerk of Courts</b>	
Alfred A. Abbott of Peabody had Seven hundred and forty two votes	742
 For <b>Register of Deeds Northern Essex District</b>	
John R. Poor of Lawrence had Four hundred and forty votes Abiel Morrison of Lawrence had Two hundred and ninety six votes	440 296
 For <b>Member of Congress for Seventh District</b> Whole Number of Votes Cast	
Seven hundred and thirty seven	737
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had Three hundred and forty one John K. Tarbox of Lawrence had Three hundred and four Ebenezer R. Hoar of Concord had Ninety two	341 304 92
 For <b>Presidential Electors</b>	
At-Large Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Four hundred and forty three votes	443
Stephen Salisbury of Worcester had Four hundred and forty three votes	443
 <b>Electors in Districts</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> District Warren Sadd of New Bedford	
2 <sup>nd</sup> District Theodore Dean of Taunton	
3 <sup>rd</sup> District J. Fell Osgood of Boston	
4 <sup>th</sup> District Martin Brimmer of Boston	
5 <sup>th</sup> District S. C. Lawrence of Medford	
6 <sup>th</sup> District Geo W. Morrill of Amesbury	
7 <sup>th</sup> District Carroll D. Wright of Reading	
8 <sup>th</sup> District James R. Sowell of Cambridge	
9 <sup>th</sup> District John C. Whittier of Northbridge	
10 <sup>th</sup> District N. B. Pearsons of Holyoke	

11<sup>th</sup> District Richard Goodman of Lenox

Each of the above named Eleven Presidential Electors had  
Four hundred and forty three votes 443

**For Presidential Electors**

At-Large William Gaston of Boston had Three hundred and one votes 301  
Edward Avery of Boston had Three hundred and one votes 301

**Electors in Districts**

District no 1 James D. Thompson of New Bedford  
District no 2 Samuel N. Dyer of South Abington  
District no 3 George P. Baldwin of Boston  
District no 4 Charles Sevi Woodbury of Boston

District no 5 Alpha E. Thompson of Woburn  
District no 6 James V. Smiley of Haverhill  
District no 7 James C. Abbott of Lowell  
District no 8 Edwin A. Alger of Cambridge  
District no 9 Eli Thayer of Worcester  
District no 10 Timothy S. Wilson of Fitchburg  
District no 11 Abra Quakenbush of Pittsfield

Each of the above named eleven **Presidential Electors** had Three hundred and one votes 301

Total number of votes cast for **Presidential Electors** was Seven hundred and forty four 744

**For Representatives to General Court Essex District Number Nineteen**

John W. Tillon of Haverhill had Four hundred and forty five votes 445  
Oliver Taylor of Haverhill had Four hundred and forty seven votes 447  
Darius Pierce of Methuen had Three hundred and twenty votes 320  
Charles E. Hibbard of Methuen had Four hundred votes 400  
John B. Nichols of Haverhill had Two hundred and eighty five votes 285  
Gilman S. Sleeper of Haverhill had Two hundred and eighty five votes 285

\*The record of the whole number of votes for **Governor** at this meeting should be seven hundred and thirty one.

For Alexander H. Rice Four hundred and thirty nine  
For Charles Francis Adams Two hundred and eighty one and  
For John I. Baker Even votes

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

Comparing of the transcript of votes by the City Clerk of Haverhill and the Town Clerk of Methuen at the office of the City Clerk in Haverhill November Eighth 1876.

**City of Haverhill November 8<sup>th</sup> 1876 – Office of City Clerk**

At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said city and Town forming the Nineteenth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided, upon comparing the transcript of the returns, the following appears as the result of the ballottings in said District at meetings held on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 1876.

To Wit	in	Haverhill	Methuen	Total
John N. Tillon of Haverhill had		1411	445	1856
Oliver Taylor of Haverhill had		1532	447	1979
Darius Pierce of Methuen had		1376	320	1696
John B. Nichols of Haverhill had		1064	285	1349
Gilman L. Sleeper of Haverhill had		986	285	1271
Charles E. Hibbard of Methuen had		964	400	1369
Theodore Noyes of Haverhill had		51		51
Charles Stickney of Groveland had		1		1
C. E. Hibbard of Methuen had		83		83
J. B. Nichols of Haverhill had		8		8
Oliver Taylor of Haverhill had		1		1
P. E. Davis of Haverhill had		1		1
Gilman L. Sleeper of Haverhill had		1		1
George Stevens of Haverhill had		1		1
Dennis Mahony of Haverhill had		1		1
F. N. Tuxbury of Haverhill had		1		1

In accordance with the foregoing returns certificates of Election were this day duly issued  
to  
the three persons having the largest number of votes for Representative to the General Court  
from  
the Nineteenth Essex District.

To Wit:

John N. Tillon of Haverhill  
Oliver Taylor of Haverhill and  
Darius Pierce of Methuen

**Haverhill Nov 8 1876**

Attest

David B. Tenney City Clerk of Haverhill  
Charles S. Whittier Town Clerk of Methuen

This is to certify that on **this day, Monday, the Eighth day of January 1877**, I have destroyed by fire, all the votes cast in this Town Meeting, held on **Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 1876**, agreeably to Warrant Number 11 File 10 dated Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Charles S. Whittier Town Clerk

**1877**

**Town Warrant March 1877**

**Essex SS**

To Eben G. Knight, one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen  
**Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in  
Elections, and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the fifth  
day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles,  
viz.:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, One School Committeeman to serve three years (in place of Charles E. Hibbard whose term expires), Constables, Auditor of Accounts, and Fence Viewers, all on one ballot, also to choose a Collector of Taxes, by ballot or otherwise and all other necessary Town Officers in such a manner as the Town may determine, the Polls to be kept open until 12 ½ o'clock P.M.
- Art. 3. To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and to act thereon.
- Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 5. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 6. To determine by what method the Town will appropriate the highway taxes, and repair its highways the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire in behalf of the Town , a sufficient sum of money to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or

that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

- Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen as liable to serve as jurors the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To hear the reports of committees and act thereon
- Art. 10. To determine what compensation the Town will grant to members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To determine the manner of appropriating the amount received from dog tax, agreeably to Chapter 250 of the Acts of 1869.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to print a list of delinquent taxpayers in the Town report.
- Art. 14. By request of Geo. N. Newell and others to see if the Town will vote to incorporate itself into an Insurance Company, to insure the property of its own citizens.
- Art. 15. By request of Leverett Bradley and others, to see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation for further completing of repairs on the River Road between Lawrence and Haverhill, and determine the amount thereof.
- Art. 16. By request of Wheeler Perkins and others, to see if the Town will vote to provide a public watering place at the Barker Brook (so called,) on the Lowell road, and appropriate money therefore.
- Art. 17. By request of David N. Noyes and Leverett Bradley, to see if the Town will vote to divide the East and west sections of the Town, each into two separate Highways Districts, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- Art. 18. By request of Cyrus Wilson, to see if the Town will vote to pay him for land taken in laying out George street.
- Art. 19. To see what action, (if any) the Town will take in reference to taking land now occupied by individuals and included within the limits of Broadway as defined by the County Commissioners.
- Art. 20. By request of Charles S. Whittier and Isaac H. Laney, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private street running easterly from Pleasant street past the houses of Mr. N. Keyes, J. Branch Ingalls, and T. H. Fernald, also the street running easterly from Pleasant Street (known as Vine Street), past the

houses of A. C. Rollins and Alonzo Robie, also a street running southerly from said "Vine Street", to a private way running past the houses of Charles S. Whittier.

Art. 21. By request of J. M. Graham and others to see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, the private street running easterly from Park Street, (known as Morrison Street), past the houses of J. M. Graham and others.

Art. 22. By request of Carleton & Smith and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, the private street running northerly from Pelham Street, (known as Pelham Avenue), past the houses of Maurice Foley and others.

Art. 23. By request of Asa Simonds, to see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to grant no licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year.

Art. 24. By request of Asa Simonds, to see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to enforce the law against the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 25. By request of Isaac H. Laney, to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a chief of Police, and appropriate a sum of money for the pay of police officers.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, in laying flagstones on street crossings, and in paving surface gutters.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 7 and 8, of chapter 45, of the General Statutes, relating to sidewalk.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply to the County Commissioners, to take land for the enlargement of the burial ground at the west part of the Town, in accordance with Chapter 112 of the Acts of 1866, and act thereon as the Town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town House, and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty fourth day of February A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy seven.

A True Copy

D. Pierce

}

## Essex SS

**Methuen February 24<sup>th</sup> 1877**

By virtue hereof, I have as within directed, notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen, to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within named, and I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town House, and at each of the Public Meeting Houses, in said Town, eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

Eben G. Knight  
Constable of Methuen

A True Copy  
Attest Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

## **March 5, 1877 - Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Methuen, was held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1877, at Ten O'clock, A.M. agreeably to warrant No 12 File 10.

Art. 1. Granville E. Foss, was chosen **Moderator**, and sworn

Prayer was offered by Rev. Syman H. Blake

Voted that Article 17 be acted upon at once.

Art. 17. Voted To divide the East and West sections as requested the Selectmen to make the division, the separation to be made in season for the application of the share of the appropriation of this meeting, to each District.

Voted the Collector of Taxes, and the Highway surveyors be chosen by ballot.

Art. 2. Charles S. Whittier, was chosen **Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes**  
— sworn

## **For Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:**

Moses G. Smith, Joseph S. Howe and John N. Frederic, were elected and sworn.

## **For School Committeeman for three years:**

William R. Patterson was elected

**For Constables:**

Eben G. Knight, John Newton Webster and John W. F. Cooper were elected and sworn

**Auditor of Accounts:**

Amos L. Gale – sworn

**For Fence Viewers:**

William C. Jackson, George W. Butters and Alfred Clark were elected and sworn

**For Road Commissioners elected:**

Edmund P. Sargent  
B. Frank Woodbury, sworn  
Gains H. Barnes, sworn

D. Hohman Rowell, sworn  
Horace S. Whittier, sworn

**For Field Drivers chosen:**

Justice V. Coburn  
Herbert Ropes  
George E. Jacquith  
John P. Stevens  
Granville E. Foss, sworn  
Eugene C. Kimball, sworn

Albert H. Harris, sworn  
L. H. Mitchell, sworn  
John N. Hall  
Edward L. Houghton, sworn  
James Peirce, M.D., sworn  
Willard F. Emerson

**For Sealer of Weights and Measures - Appointed by Selectmen**

**For Pound Keepers:**

Stephen W. Williams and H. Chadwick were chosen

**For Surveyors of Lumber chosen:**

+Ralph Clark	Franklin Saunders
Almon S. Moody	+Oliver Kimball sworn by N. M. Roger Meth. 14/77
+Horace Whittier	E. L. Whittier
+Samuel A. Harvey	Jesse A. Town
A. P. Chase	Frank Ingalls
Joseph S. Howe	John Q. A. Hill
+Moses E. Kimball	+W. G. Copp

C. S. Whittier	D. T. Morrison
John H. McFarland	+James O. Parker
Varnum Corliss	George Clarke
Edmund Dowding	

+ = sworn

**For Surveyors of Plaster chosen:**

Jesse A. Town	+Lyman B. Gage	W. G. Copp
Orrin Nownes	+Joseph E. Buswell	+ sworn

**For Surveyors of Wood and Bark chosen:**

+Alonzo P. Chase	Frank Flanders	+James Allen
C. G. Holmes	+Charles R. Ayer	+Oliver Kimball
+Moses G. Smith	Silas Q. Hersey	George Clark
+Walter E. Stevens	+Ralph Clark	+George O. Marsh
+Nelson W. Blodgett	+Janus E. Messer	Jacob C. Neal
+Daniel Dowding	+Mark Smart	T. E. Snell
Elsirus Farnsworth	+Moses E. Kimball	+ sworn

Art. 8.

Voted the name of Stephen Currier, at his request, be stricken from list of Jurors as presented, and the name of William H. Stickney be inserted in its stead.

**The list of Jurors as accepted is as follows:**

Charles Austin 2d	David M. Ayer	George N. Butters
George A. Butters	John Boardman	Nelson M. Blodgett
Charles T. Beadle	Joseph E. Buswell	John N. Bodwell
J. Varnum Coburn	H. Newton Coburn	Varnum Corliss
Daniel E. Cole	J. Madison Doe	John T. Douglass
Joseph R. Emerson	John N. Frederick	James Fulton
George N. Gage	Albert B. Gordon	Charles H. Harvey
Henry N. Hall	Benj. W. Hall	Joseph S. Howe
Charles Howe	Elisha B. Homes	William Jackson
James E. Messer	James W. Morse	Daniel T. Morrison
John Mitchell	German S. Phippen	James O. Parker
Amos C. Rollins	Daniel C. Rollins	Addison P. Russell
Franklin Saunders	Moses G. Smith	Samuel G. Sargent
Edmund P. Sargent	Leverett Swan	George N. Sawyer
Charles E. Trow	Jesse A. Town	William H. Stickney
Charles S. Whittier	B. Frank Woodbury	
Stephen W. Williams	Charles L. Wilson	J. M. Walton

Art. 11. Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses and swine from going at large the ensuing year.

Art. 12. Voted to appropriate the amount for the Public Library.

Art. 13. Voted not to authorize the Collector to print a list of delinquent taxpayers.

Art. 7. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to hire in behalf of the Town, a sufficient sum of money, to pay any notes that may become due during the year, or that may be necessary to pay orders drawn by the Selectmen, and empower the Treasurer to sign such notes in behalf of the Town.

Art. 14. Voted to pass over this Article.

Art. 5 Voted the same as last year and also that the Collector be authorized to Collect within thirty days all single Poll Taxes, where there is no real estate.

Art. 15. Voted that three hundred dollars be appropriated for further compiling of repairs on the River Road, and that the Amount be expended under the direction of Moses E. Kimball.

Art. 3. Voted to accept the Report

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate for defraying Town charges for the ensuing year, the following named sums of money, the same being the estimate made by the Selectmen.

For support of Schools, seventy six hundred dollars	7,600.00
For Repairs on School Houses, three hundred dollars	300.00
For Supplies for Schools, three hundred dollars	300.00
For Music in Schools, Five hundred dollars	500.00
For Highways and repairs on Roads, four thousand dollars	4,000.00
For Roads Bridges and opening Roads, twelve hundred dollars	1,200.00
For Fire Department, eight hundred dollars	800.00
For Pauper Department, two thousand dollars	2,000.00
For Contingencies, eight hundred dollars	800.00
For Town Officers, eight hundred dollars	800.00
For School Committee, two hundred dollars	200.00
For Interest on Town debt, forty three hundred dollars	4,300.00
For Collecting Taxes, three hundred and fifty dollars	350.00
For Street Lights, five hundred dollars	500.00
For Librarian, two hundred dollars	200.00
Twenty three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars	<u>23,850.00</u>

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate as last year.

Art. 9. Voted to accept the reports of the committee consisting of the Selectmen, on the Town House, the West Burial Ground and a New School House.

Voted that a committee of three, appointed by the Chair, make a full and definite report with specifications, costs etc., of a new schoolhouse, with expense of lot at the next Annual Town Meeting – The Moderator appointed

Joseph E. Buswell  
Daniel N. Tenney, and  
Joseph S. Howe as the Committee.

Art. 28. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply to the County Commissioners to take land.

Art. 10. Voted the same compensation as last year.

Art. 16. Voted to pass over this Article.

Art. 18. Voted to pass over this Article.

Art. 19. Voted to pass over this Article.

Art. 20. Voted to accept as public ways, the private streets mentioned in this Article.

Art. 21. Voted to accept as a public way, the private street mentioned in this Article.

Art. 22. Voted to accept as a public way, the private street mentioned in this Article.

Art. 23. Voted to request the Selectmen to grant no licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, the ensuing year.

Art. 24. Voted to request the Selectmen to enforce the law against the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 25. Voted that the Selectmen appoint a body of Police to act without pay, with Isaac H. Laney as its chief.

Art. 26. Voted to pass over this Article.

Art. 27. Voted to accept sections of 7 and 8 of Chapter 45, of the General Statutes relating to sidewalks.

Voted that the thanks of this meeting be tendered the Moderator, for the manner in which he has discharged his duties, and that the sum of Ten dollars be paid him for his services.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

**DR. Charles Whittier Treasurer in account with Town of Methuen**

<b>TO</b>	Cash in Treasury Feb 1 1876	8,853.01	
	Tax list uncollected	1,447.72	
	Tax list for 1876	37,013.51	
	Bank Tax list for 1871	1,759.70	
	Samuel H. Harris Jr. Rent	300.00	
	Good Templars Rent	300.00	By error in amt for rent
	Methuen National Bank rent	300.00	from Good Templars
			265.62
	Town Hall from E. G. Knights	439.99	should be 34,38
	Dog Tax for 1875	433.57	
	Franklin Saunders Taxes 1874	300.63	
	Interest on Taxes	255.40	
	Corporation Tax	1,558.39	
	State Aid	961.60	
	Bank Tax	608.37	
	School Fund	259.76	
	State Paupers	9.00	
	City of Boston	14.57	
	Superintendent Town Farm	111.23	
	Fred S. Pearson Auctioneer License	2.00	
	Franklin Saunders Auctioneer License	2.00	
	Leverett Bradley Auctioneer License	2.00	
	Charles S. Whittier, postage	1.99	
	Darius Pierce, Loan	915.74	
	Methuen National Bank	5,000.00	
	Sales of Town Sketch	<u>37.32</u>	
		60,888.51	265.62

**CR Charles S. Whittier Treasurer in account with Town of Methuen**

<b>TO</b>	Amount brot forward	60,888.51
	F. Scott Eastman Billiard License	11.00

John B. Austin Victualler's License	2.00
William H. Ropes Victualler's License	2.00
S. Q. Hersey Innholder's License	2.00
H. H. Cogswell Victualler's License	2.00
F. Scott Eastman Victualler's License	2.00
W. Lynskey Victualler's License	2.00
Samuel H. Harris Jr. Liquor License	75.00
Wm H. Ropes License	100.00
Castle & Stevens	75.00
A. H. Cogswell	75.00
John B. Austin	100.00
Silas Q. Hersey	100.00
F. Scott Eastman	100.00
W. Lynskey	100.00
Thomas J. Richardson Estate	40.00
D. H. Rowell Sales of Stone & loam	29.95
Centennial Dinner Committee	672.89
E. G. Knight Sock Fees	13.00
D. E. Cole Loan	1,300.00
Mary S. Sawyer	<u>10.57</u>
	<u>63,762.92</u>

<b>BY</b>	Cash paid Selectmen's Orders	35,085.59
	Interest	4,239.14
	Sundry notes	7,315.74
	County Tax	1,993.00
	N. H. Littabrandt(?)	14.00
	Bank Tax	1,198.42
	State for Liquor Licenses	181.25
	Uncollected taxes 1875	343.76
	Uncollected taxes 1876	2,106.29
	Making & distributing tax bills	30.00
	Balance in Treasury	8,517.61
	Amt forward	265.62
	State Tax	<u>2,412.00</u>
		<u>63,762.92</u>

**Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 7 1877**

**Essex SS**

To Eben G. Knight one of the Constables of the Town of Methuen, **Greeting.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Methuen, on Monday the eighteenth day of June instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles viz.;

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2 By request of Joseph E. Buswell and others, to vote by written or printed ballots "yes" or "No" on the question "whether the Town will request the Selectmen to grant licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors the present year". The polls to be kept open from ten o'clock a.m. until four o'clock p.m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Town House and at each of the public meeting houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ninth day of June A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy seven.

A True Copy	Joseph S. Howe	} Selectmen
Attest: Charles S. Whittier, Town Clerk	J. N. Frederick	} of
	W. G. Smith	} Methuen

**Essex S.S. June 18<sup>th</sup> 1877**

By virtue of the within warrant I have as within directed notified the legal voters of the Town of Methuen to meet at the time place and for the purpose within named, by posting on the Town House and each of the public meeting houses in said Methuen an attested copy warrant – eight days before the time of holding said meeting.

A True Copy	E. G. Knight
Attest; Charles S. Whittier	Constable of Methuen
	Town Clerk

## **Special Town Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> 1877**

**At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the eighteenth day of June 1877 agreeable to Warrant number 13 File 10,**

Art. 1      Granville E. Foss, was chosen Moderator and sworn.

Prayer was made by Rev. R. T. Polk.

Art. 2	Whole number of ballots cast, Four hundred and two	402
	Yes had ballots one hundred and forty	140
	No had ballots two hundred and sixty one	261
	Blank had ballots one	1

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A True Copy; Attest – Charles S. Whittier, Town Clerk

## **Warrant for a Town Meeting November 1877**

**Essex SS**

To Ebenezer G. Knight one of the Constables in the Town of Methuen in said County.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their ballots for a Governor of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Governor, Councilor for District Number Six, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver General of the State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General, One Senator for the Sixth Essex District, Sheriff, District Attorney, three Commissioners of Insolvency, one County Commissioner and two Special Commissioners, all to be voted for on one ballot. Also to bring in their ballots for three Representatives to represent Essex District Number Nineteen in the next General Court of the Commonwealth on a separate ballot.

Also to vote "yes or No" on an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, submitted to the people pursuant to resolves of the General Court entitled Resolves Concerning the Amendment to the Constitution, relative to certain officer of Harvard College" approved by the Governor on the twenty sixth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

The Polls to be kept opened at ten o'clock a.m. and kept opened until four o'clock p.m. and no longer. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses, and at the Town House, in said Town eight days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Methuen **this twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.**

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier,  
Town Clerk

Jos. S. Howe } Selectmen of  
J. W. Frederick } Methuen

**Essex SS,**

**Methuen October 29<sup>th</sup> 1877**

By virtue of the within warrant I this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen qualified to vote as the law directs, as herein directed to assemble at the time place and purpose within stated by posting attested copies of this warrant on each of the public meeting houses and Town House as within directed eight days before the time of said meeting.

A True Copy

Charles S. Whittier  
Town Clerk

E. G. Knight

Constable of Methuen

**Town Meeting November 6<sup>th</sup> 1877**

**At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Methuen, qualified to vote in elections, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November at Ten o'clock a.m. A.D. 1877, agreeably to Warrant number 114, File 10, the votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration made thereof, as the law directs, and were as follows,**

The whole number of votes for **Governor** was Five hundred and fifty five 555

Alexander H. Rice of Boston had three hundred and three	303
William Gaston of Boston had two hundred and six	206
Robert C. Pitman of Newton had forty six	46

The whole number of votes for **Lieutenant Governor** was five hundred and fifty six 556

Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton had three hundred and twelve	312
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had two hundred and seven	207
Elijah A. Morse of Canton had thirty six	36
J. Sidney Stowe of Methuen had one	1

The whole number of votes for **Councilor** was five hundred and fifty one 551

Joseph A. Harwood of Littleton had three hundred and forty	340
James L. Harriman of Hudson had two hundred and ten	310
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes for <b>Secretary of State</b> was five hundred and fifty four	554
Henry B. Pierce of Abington had three hundred and thirty three	333
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had two hundred and ten	210
David B. Gurney of South Abington had town	10
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes for <b>Treasurer and Receiver-General</b> was	
Five hundred and fifty four	554
Charles Endicott of Canton had three hundred and thirty four	334
David W. Skillings of Winchester had two hundred and twenty	220
The whole number of votes for <b>Auditor</b> was five hundred and fifty five	555
Julius L. Clark of Newton had three hundred and thirty four	334
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had two hundred and ten	210
Jonathan H. Orm of Marblehead had ten	10
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes for <b>Attorney General</b> was five hundred and fifty four	554
Charles R. Train of Boston had three hundred and thirty three	333
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester had two hundred and ten	210
Orm T. Gray of Hyde Park had ten	10
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes for <b>Senator for the Sixth District</b> was	
Five hundred and fifty one	551
Byron Truell of Lawrence had two hundred and forty seven	247
Daniel N. Tenney of Methuen had two hundred and ninety seven	297
Alfred J. French of Lawrence had seven	7
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one	1
The whole number of votes for <b>County Commissioner</b> was five hundred and fifty four	554
Joseph O. Proctor of Gloucester had two hundred and five	205
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had three hundred and forty four	344
Joseph W. Eaton of Salisbury had five	5
The whole number of votes for <b>Special County Commissioners</b> was	
Five hundred and fifty six	556

Aaron Sawyer of Amesbury had three hundred and thirty four	334
Daniel W. Bartlett of Essex had three hundred and thirty four	334
Horatio Pearl of Bradford had two hundred and ten	210
George A. Lord of Ipswich had two hundred and ten	210
Marcus E. Tucker of Lynn had ten	10
Elmer Valentine of Salem had ten	10
J. Sidney Howe had two votes	2

The whole number of votes for **Commissioners of Insolvency** was 557  
 Five hundred and fifty seven

William L. Thompson of Lawrence three hundred and thirty four	334
Dean Peabody of Lynn three hundred and thirty four	334
Nathaniel J. Holden of Salem three hundred and thirty four	334
William Nutting Jr. of Marblehead two hundred and ten	210
F. G. Douglass of Lynn two hundred and ten	210
Benj. F. Crickett of Haverhill had two hundred and ten	210
Samuel Porter of Beverly had ten	10
Adonisram C. Orn of Marblehead had ten	10
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had three	3

The whole number of votes for **Sheriff** was five hundred and fifty six 556

Horatio G. Herrick of Lawrence had three hundred and sixty five	365
William M. Hill of Salem had one hundred and ninety one	191

The whole number of votes for **District Attorney** was five hundred and fifty five 555

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had three hundred and forty nine	349
Harrison G. Johnson of Newburyport had two hundred and six	206

#### For **Representative to General Court 19<sup>th</sup> Essex District**

William A. Brooks of Haverhill had three hundred and thirty four	334
John W. Tilton of Haverhill had three hundred and six votes	306
Edmund P. Sargent of Methuen had two hundred and ninety seven	297
John G. Low of Methuen had two hundred and ninety five votes	295
D. Smith Kimball of Haverhill had two hundred and ten votes	210
John A. Gale of Haverhill had one hundred and one votes	101
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen had one vote	1

On the question of Amendment to the Constitution

There were eighty three votes cast	83
Yes had thirty four votes	34

No had forty nine votes 49

Voted to adjourn

Attest –

Charles S. Whittier

Town Clerk

**Methuen November 6<sup>th</sup> 1877**

**City of Haverhill November 9<sup>th</sup> 1877**  
**Office of City Clerk**

**At a meeting of the City Clerk of Haverhill and the Town Clerk of Methuen, said City and Town forming the Nineteenth Essex Representative District, held at noon this day by adjournment from November 7<sup>th</sup> (the date is November 6<sup>th</sup> on which the meeting was adjourned – the Town Clerk was in error when he scribed November 7<sup>th</sup>) in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided, upon comparing the Transcript of the returns the following appears as the result of the balloting in said District at meetings held on Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1877,**

**To Wit:**

	had	in Haverhill	in Methuen	Total
		824	334	1,158
Wm A. Brooks of Haverhill	210			210
John W. Tilton of Haverhill	708	306		1,014
J. W. Tilton of Haverhill	1			1
Edmund P. Sargent of Methuen	774	297		1,071
John A. Gale of Haverhill	610	101		711
J. A. Gale of Haverhill	148			148
D. Smith Kimball of Haverhill	795	210		1,005
D. Smith Kimball of Methuen	1			1
D. Smith Kimball	9			9
John G. Lowe of Methuen	500	295		795
J. G. Low of Methuen	137			137
John G. Low of Methuen	9			9
Wilbur Fisk Kimball of Haverhill	39			39
W. F. Kimball of Haverhill	7			7
Lewis Adams of Haverhill	35			35
L. Adams of Haverhill	7			7
Morris Donohue of Haverhill	95			95
Maurice Donohue of Haverhill	53			53
Edmon P. Sargent	1			1
William J. Chase	1			1
John B. Nichols	14			14
J. Fitts	1			1
Ira A. Abbott	1			1
J. B. Richardson	1			1
J. B. Nichols	6			6

G. L. Sleeper	7	7
James N. P. Smith	1	1
Morris Dono	1	1

**Votes cast in Haverhill and Methuen for Representative to General Court**

Gilman L. Sleeper of Haverhill	5	5
Joseph K. Jenness of Haverhill	1	1
J. Sidney Howe of Methuen	1	1

In accordance with the foregoing returns, certificates of Election were this day  
duly issued to the three persons having the largest number of votes for Representatives to the  
General Court from the Nineteenth Essex District

To Wit:

William A. Brooks of Haverhill  
John W. Tilton of Haverhill and  
Edmund P. Sargent of Methuen

Attest

David B. Tenney, City Clerk of Haverhill  
Charles S. Whittier, Town Clerk of Methuen