

Westport April 19. 1871. GE Brownell (Selectman
 Ale H W Kirby
 Beer E Giffard } Westport
 & Porter

Westport April 22. 1871

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed
 I have this day notified and warned the
 inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified
 as therein expressed to assemble at the time
 and place and for the purpose therein
 mentioned by fastening Copies of such
 warrant one at the Store of Anthony and
 Macomber one at the Store of Charles D.
 Macomber and one at the Store of Giffard
 and King

Charles F. Sherman
 Constable of Westport

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the
 People assembled at the time and place
 mentioned and the following vote was
 passed

Meeting called to order by the Clerk
 Isaac Nowland was Chosen Moderator

The vote was unanimous in the
 Affirmative. Fifteen votes were cast

Voted to Ad'ourn
 A True Copy Attest
 Albert C. Kirby
 Town Clerk

Bristol SS. Westport May 4. 1870
 Personally appeared Daniel S. Sanford
 and made oath that he would faithfully
 discharge the duties of Field Clerk for the
 year ensuing in Westport

Before me
 George H. Giffard Justice of
 the Peace

Bristol SS. Westport May 9. 1871

Then personally appeared Robert F. Macomber
 and took the oath of Office of Town Keeper
 for the Town of Westport for the ensuing year

Before me Geo H Gifford Justice of the Peace
 Bristol SS April 5. 1871

Then Personally
 appeared Abraham Brownell and made
 oath that he would faithfully discharge
 the duties of a Field Clerk in the Town of
 Westport the ensuing year

Before me
 Geo H Giffard
 Justice of the Peace
 The three foregoing Certificates are true
 Copies as recorded by me
 Attest Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk
 Westport May 24. 1871

Bristol S.S.

Special Meeting of the Town of Westport
 To Charles F. Sherman Constable
 Greeting

Bridge. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Highway you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections
 and Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said
 Westport on Saturday the 26th Inst at 2 O'clock
 in the Afternoon there and there to act on the
 following articles

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said
 Meeting

2nd To see what action the Town will take in regard
 to the decree of the County Commissioners laying
 out Hicks Bridge as a Highway and concerning
 the mode of the construction of said way and
 payment of land damages and construction
 Expenses.

And you are directed to serve this
 warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in
 four or more Public Places 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 Town
 Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as
 aforesaid

Given under our hands this
 Sixteenth day of August One Thousand
 Eighteen Hundred and Seventy One

L. E. Brownell (Selectmen)
 H. W. Kirby

Westport

Aug. 16. 1871

Bristol S.S.

Westport Aug 26. 1871

Pursuant to the within warrant
 I have this day posted up attested copies
 thereof at the stores of William Gifford
 Samuel Gifford Gifford and Wing
 Anthony Macomber and Charles D
 Macomber Seven days before the time of holding
 said meeting

Charles F. Sherman
 Constable of Westport

Westport Aug 26 1871

The Inhabitants legal votes assembled at the
 Town House agreeable with the foregoing warrant
 and the following votes were passed

Meeting called to order at 2 O'clock and fifteen
 minutes by Liles & Brownell.

The Town Clerk being absent, J. W. Gifford was
 elected Clerk pro Tempore and taken to the Office
 of Isaac Kauland Justice of the Peace and sworn

Meeting called to order again at 4 O'clock and
 ten minutes read the warrant and received
 votes for Moderator Whole number Twelve

Liles & Brownell had Seven and was elected and
 sworn

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to construct
 and repair Hicks Bridge by Contract or otherwise
 as in their judgement will be for the best interests
 of the Town

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to loan money to pay land damaged and construction expenses for repairing Hicks Bridge

Voted to adjourn

I have record of this day's proceedings so far as I know them
John W. Giffard Clerk for 1 cent

A true copy of the record
Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk
Westport Aug 28th 1871

To Charles T. Sherman Constable of the Town of Westport
B. R. & C. W. & C.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town House in said Westport on the seventh day of November next (it being the Tuesday after the first Monday in said month) at Nine and One Half O'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Electors for a Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary Treasurer Auditor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Councillor for Council District No. 1. One Senator for the third Senatorial District a District Attorney for the Southern District a Sheriff for Bristol County Three Commissioners of Insolvency a Clerk of the Courts County Commissioners who is not an inhabitant of the said City or Town with either of the Commissioners which are to remain in office also two Special Commissioners

All on one ballot

Also for One Representative to the next General Court from District No. Eight on a separate Ballot.

N. B. The polls may be closed at 11 1/2 O'clock P. M.

Also on the same day at the same place at Two O'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2d To see what action the Town will take in regard to petitioning to the Legislature for a grant to build a free Bridge across Westport River from some point at Westport Point to Haverhill

3d To see what action the Town take in regard to the fisheries of Cock East Pond situated in the Town of Westport

4th To hear the decree of the County Commissioners in laying out a Highway in Westport from Westport Factory to Macomber Corner so called and act thereon

5th To see what action the Town will take in regard to the depositing of Stones in the Highway and removing dirt therefrom

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting at least Four Notices in as many Public places specifying the time and place and purposes of said meeting as aforesaid Seven days at least before the time of meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings at the time and place said Meeting

Given under our hands at Westford this
Twenty fifth day of October One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Seventy One

L. C. Brownell Electmen
H. W. Kirby
Ephraim Offord) Westport

Westport Oct 25. 1871

Westport Nov 7. 1871

Pursuant to the within warrant I have
posted up notices at the stores of William
Lifford Samuel Lifford Arthur and
Macomber And Lifford and Wing
Specifying the time place and purpose
of said meeting seven days previous to the
above date

Charles F. Sherman
Constable of Westport

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Westport held at the Town House in
said Town the seventh day of November
Eighteen Hundred and Seventy One for the
purposes set forth in the foregoing warrant
votes for the following named persons were given
in assorted and counted and public
declaration made according to law

Nathan Wood and Charles M. Crow were
appointed envelope distributors

For Governor whole number of votes One Hundred and
Fifty four
William B. Washburn of Greenfield
One Hundred and thirty seven
Robert C. Titman of New Bedford Eight
John B. Adams of Quincy Nine

For Lieut Governor whole number of votes
One Hundred and Fifty three
Joseph Tucker of Lenox One Hundred and thirty six
Eliphalet Grant of Springfield Eight
Samuel Lamb of Greenfield Nine

For Secretary of State whole number of votes
One Hundred and Fifty four
Oliver Warner of Northampton One Hundred and thirty seven
George C. Ball of Upton Eight
Luther Stephenson of Wingham Nine

For Treasurer and Receiver General whole number
of votes One Hundred and fifty four
Charles Adams of North Brookfield
One Hundred and thirty seven
John I. Roberts of Beverly Eight
Levi Haywood of Gardner Nine

For Auditor whole number of votes One
Hundred and Fifty four
Charles Endicott of Canton One
Hundred and thirty seven
Erza B. Conant of Randolph Eight
Phineas Allen of Pittsfield Nine

For Attorney General whole number of votes
One Hundred and Fifty four
Charles R. Hain of Boston One Hundred and
thirty seven
Samuel L. Field of Melburne Eight
William West Warner of Brighton Nine

For Councillor District No. 1. Whole number
of votes One Hundred and Fifty four
Alfred Macy of Northampton One Hundred and thirty seven
Frederick M. Phelan of Fairhaven Eight
Lorenzo Lawton of Fall River Nine

For Senator Third Bristol District
 Whole Number of votes One Hundred and fifty 150
 Charles P. Pickney of Fall River
 One Hundred and Forty 140
 Alexander Manchester of Fall River Ten 10

For District Attorney Southern District
 George Maiston of New Bedford
 One Hundred and fifty four 154

For County Commissioner For Bristol
 County Whole number of votes One
 Hundred and Forty three 143
 Joseph C. Little of Westport One Hundred
 Sixteen 116
 Guillard N. Matthews of Fall River Seventeen 17
 Joseph W. Capron of Attleborough Ten 10

For Special Commissioner Whole number
 of votes One Hundred and Sixty one 161
 Daniel J. Lewis of Fair Haven One Hundred
 Thirty seven 137
 Leonard Hedges of Norton One Hundred forty four 144
 Isaac Wood of Fair Haven Eight 8
 Joel B. Drake of Boston Nine 9
 William B. Bang of Westport Nine 9

For Clerk of Courts Whole number of
 votes One Hundred and fifty three 153
 Simon B. Baden of Fall River One Hundred and
 Forty five 145
 James Kerrigan of Taunton Eight 8

For Sheriff Whole number of votes One Hundred
 and Fifty four 154
 William B. Cobb of New Bedford One Hundred
 Forty three 143
 John Collins of Fall River Eleven 11

For Commissioners of Insolvency County of Bristol
 Whole number of votes One Hundred and fifty four 154
 E. H. Reed of Mansfield One Hundred Forty five 145
 G. Edgar & William Chapman One Hundred Thirty seven 137
 Charles J. Bonney of New Bedford One Hundred and forty five 145
 William H. F. of Taunton Eight 8
 William M. Connolly of Fall River Nine 9
 Stephen M. F. of Taunton Nine 9

For Representative to General Court Eighth District
 whole number of votes One Hundred and fifty four 154

Nathaniel W. Winchester of Westport One 1
 H. P. Leonard " " 1
 William Young " Nine 9
 Giles E. Brownell of Westport One
 Hundred forty three 143

Agreeable with the Warrant the Special Meeting
 was called to order by Giles E. Brownell
 and the warrant was read, and the following
 business transacted as recorded

Giles E. Brownell was unanimously chosen
 Moderator by Six votes

Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen
 to petition the next Legislature for a Charter
 for a Bridge across the river from Westport Point
 to Horse Creek

Voted to empower the Selectmen to take such
 action necessary to procure the right of the Fisheries
 belonging to Black East Pond

Resolved that the citizens of Westport in legal
 meeting assembled are opposed to the layout
 of the County Commissioners of a road from
 Westport Factory to Macomber's Corner

Resolved that we appoint a committee of three persons to confer with the said Commissioners exhibit the remonstrance of said Town against a crooked road and endeavor to influence said Commissioners to lay out a straight road from Hemlock Gutter to Macomber Corner

Resolved that the Town of Westford never favored a road from Macomber Corner to Westford Factory but if said road is to be built we desire that said road shall be straight

Voted that the Selectmen consist of the Committee to confer with the said Commissioners

Voted to lay the fifth article of the warrant on the table

Voted to Adjourn

True Copy Attest
 Albert C. Kibby
 Town Clerk
 Westford Nov 8th 1871

Bristol SS To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the
 Town of Westford in the County of Bristol
 Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles

Art 1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To see if the town will accept of the provisions of the act of Eighteen Hundred and Seventy One Chapter One Hundred and Fifty Eight and choose three Road Commissioners as prescribed by said Act

Art 3 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing including one person for School Committee for three years

Art 4 To consider and determine the Amount of Appropriations necessary for the Support of Paupers Maintenance of Schools Highways Town Ways Bridges Incidental Expenses and for Aid of Families of Volunteers also to determine the manner of making Appropriations

Art 5 To hear the Reports of the various Town Officers and act thereon

Art 6 To consider and determine the Location of the High School for the year ensuing

Art 7 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to apply to the present Legislature for a Charter for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the Citizens of the Town of Westford

Art 8 To see what action the Town will take relative to a proposed road in Acoset under consideration by the County Commissioners of Bristol County

Art 9 To Consider and determine what Inducement the Town will offer by way of Discount for prompt payment of Taxes and fix the time during which discount may be allowed and paid also the propriety of demanding and collecting Interest from delinquent Tax payers who have not paid their Taxes at a specified time

Art 10 To determine the compensation the Treasurer and Collector shall receive for Services

Art 11 To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to renew notes held against the Town and borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the Tax

Art 12 To see what action the Town will take in relation to its debt

Art 13 To see what action the Town will take in relation to creating a Fishway at the Head of the River

Art 14 To see if the Town will accept the List of Names of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen

Art 15 To see if the Town will authorize the Several Boards of Officers to order bills and demands against the Town relating to their respective Departments

Art 16 To consider the propriety of accepting a proposition relative to macadamizing the Road from Head of the River to Dartmouth line

Art 17 To consider the expediency of purchasing a Stone Crusher for the purpose of Macadamizing Highways

Art 18 To see what action the Town will take relative to the School at Westfall Factory

Art 19 To see what action the Town will take in relation to Truants and Absentees from school

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Copies at Town Public places in said Town Ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereof to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hand this Fifteenth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two

G. E. Brounell (Selectmen)
H. W. Kuba
Westfall March 16. 1872 Ephraim Gifford (Westfall)

Bristol S.S. Westfall April 1. 1872
In Obedience to the within warrant I have posted up Copies thereof one at the Store of Charles H. Brounell one at the Store of Sutton and Macomber one at the Store of Samuel Gifford and one at the Store of William Gifford ten days before the time of holding said meeting

Charles H. Brounell
Constable of Westfall

Town House April 1st 1872
Agreeable with the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled at the Town House. and the following ~~named~~ officers were elected and votes passed

Giles. E. Brounell was chosen Moderator and sworn by the Clerk

Voted not to accept the provisions of Article 3^d

Voted
to choose the Town Clerk Three Selectmen
Three Assessors Three Overseers of Poor Treasurer
and Collector Two Constables One School
Committee for three years Three Fence Viewers
Four Landing Commissioners Three Auditing
Committee all on one ballot

Town Clerk Albert C. Kirby

Selectmen Giles C. Brownell ^{sworn}
H. M. Kirby "
Ephraim Gifford "

Overseers of Poor Harvey W. Kirby ^{sworn}
Giles C. Brownell "
Ephraim Gifford "

Assessors Giles C. Brownell ^{sworn}
David Lawton "
John W. Gifford "

Treasurer Leonard Macomber
Collector Leonard Macomber

Constables Charles F. Sherman ^{sworn}
William S. Kirby

School Committee
for three years - Charles F. Sherman ^{sworn}

Fence Viewers Benjamin F. Luff "
George Lawton "
Richard S. Gifford "

Landing Commissioners Benjamin F. Luff "
Willard Reed "
Richard S. Gifford "
Aestime Macomber "

Auditing Committee David Lawton
Aestime Macomber
Charles Fisher

Voted that the Selectmen redistrict the Town
into Twenty Highway Districts

Voted that the Selectmen appoint Twenty Surveyors
of Highways

Measurers of Wood Lumber & Bark
Voted to choose Nine

Jeremiah S. Thompson Charles N. Craver ^{sworn}
Charles N. Brownell Isaac Howland ^{sworn}
Charles N. Macomber David S. Howland
George N. Gifford Aestime Macomber ^{sworn}
^{sworn} David Lawton

Sealed of Weights and Measures
John C. Macomber

Voted to choose Fifteen Field Drivers
George Hathaway Oliver Cornell
Albert J. Luff Daniel M. Sanford ^{sworn}
William S. Kirby John W. Cornell
Abraham Brodine Phillip C. Sizer ^{sworn}
David J. Luff 2^d Job Duffee
George A. Luff James N. Luff
Michael Cumiskey Thomas Sanford
Willard Reed Daniel Whalon

Voted to choose three Pound Keepers
Eli A. Potter Oliver C. Gunnell
Robert H. Macomber ^{sworn}

Voted that the remaining portion of Article 3^d not acted
upon be laid upon the Table

Appropriations.

Voted to grant and raise Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the repairs of Highways Town Ways and Bridges

#3500.

Voted That the Selectmen divide the Appropriations for Highways between the several Highway Districts to the best of their Discretion

Support of Paupers

Voted to grant and raise Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of Paupers

#2500.

Voted to grant and raise Five Thousand Dollars for the Support of Schools

#5000.

Voted to grant and raise One Thousand Dollars for Incidental Expenses

#1000.

Voted to grant and raise Six Hundred and fifty Dollars in aid of Families of Volunteers

#650.

Voted to grant and raise Two Hundred and fifty Dollars for repairs on School Houses and grating Lots

#250.

Voted to pass from the third to the Thirtieth Article of the warrant

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to request the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to construct a Fish Way at the Mill Dam of Alden Sisson at the head of the East River And that the Selectmen Stock the Pond as they may deem Expedient Yearly. Pay 2.

Voted that the foregoing appropriations be assessed upon the Polls Real and Personal Estate of the Town and the Non Resident Property holders of said Town

Voted that the Auditing Committee's Report be laid upon the Table until the adjourned Meeting

Voted that when this meeting adjourns it be until Saturday the thirtieth day of April at 10 o'clock A.M.

Voted that the High School be located at Westport P. in the Summer and at the Head of Westport in the Winter

Voted to indefinitely Postpone the Seventh Article of the Warrant Article 8th.

Voted in favor of a proposed road in Acaxet 13
" Against " " " " 34

Voted that the further consideration of Article 8th be indefinitely postponed

Voted not to allow any discount for prompt payment of Taxes

Voted that the Collector compute and charge Twelve per cent per annum on all Taxes not paid within Sixty days from the time the Taxes are received by the Collector

Voted to allow the Collector one per cent on all monies collected as Tax and paid into the Treasury

Voted to allow the Treasurer one third of one per cent on all payments from the Treasury

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to renew
Notes held against the Town and borrow
money in anticipation of the Tax

Voted to lay Article Twelfth on the table until
the adjourned meeting

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared
and corrected by the Selectmen

List of Names of Jurors as prepared by the
Selectmen of Westport

Almy Heloise L
Akins George C

Brightman Elihu A
Battis George W
Booth Sydney C

Chace George H
Cornell John A
Cornell Godfrey J

Davis Gebedee C
Davis John A

Gifford Benjamin
Gifford John W
Gifford Frederick
Gifford Abraham A

Howland Goeth
Howland John W
Howland Stephen A

Jenney Charles H

Kirby Edmund
Kirby Charles C

Lawton Augustus C
Lawton Elden M
Lawton George S

Leary James
Lawton John E

Macomber Robert H

Potter David A

Sherman Daniel
Sisson John H
Sanford Daniel M
Sanford Albert F

Giff Weston S

Westgate Charles
Wood George F
Wing Charles

L. E. Brownell (Selectman
of Westport)
H. W. Kirby
E. Gifford

Voted

to authorize the several boards of Town
Officers to order all bills in their respective
departments

Voted not to accept the Sixteenth Article of
the Warrant

Voted

to purchase a Stone Crusher

Voted

to reconsider the vote whereby the Town voted
to purchase a Stone Crusher

Voted

to indefinitely postpone the Seventeenth Article
of the warrant

Voted

that the School Committee be authorized to take
such steps as they deem expedient in relation
to the School at Westport Academy

Voted

that a Committee of three consisting of the
School Committee be appointed to frame
by laws in relation to the Eighteenth Article
of the warrant

Voted to Adjourn

A True Copy Attest

Albert Kirby
Town Clerk

Town House, April 13th 1860 10 o'clock A.M.

Adjourned Meeting called to order by
the Moderator

Leonard Macomber having positively
declined serving as Collector of Taxes
Alanson P. Brownell was chosen in his stead
and sworn by the Clerk

Superintendent of Town Cemetery Boring, Cal. Supp.

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways are hereby authorized to pay not to exceed Twenty cents per hour for actual labor for a Man. The same for a yoke of Oxen. Thirty two cents per day for a Day and Twenty five for a Cart

Voted that the compensation for Surveyors of Highways be Twenty two and one half Cents per hour

Voted that the Twelfth article be taken from the Table

Voted that the Reports of the Auditing Committee and Officers of the Poor be Accepted

Voted that the By laws prepared by the School Committee and read before the meeting be accepted and adopted

Voted that the School Committee be the Truant Officer

John C Macomber not having taken his place as Sealer of Weights and Measures Charles N. Craw was Chosen in his stead.

Voted to pay Sealer of Weights & Measures a Salary of Ten dollars a year

Voted to adjourn

A True Copy Attest

Albert C. Kirby
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex ss.

At the Superior Court begun and holden at Lowell within and for the County of Middlesex on the second Monday of March being the eleventh day of said Month Anno Domini 1872

The following By Laws are presented to the Court for approval and acceptance to wit By Laws of the Town of Westport in relation to Truant Children and Absentees from School

Sec 1. The Town of Westport hereby adopts and avails itself of the several provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth now in force in relation to habitual truants and absentees from school and in pursuance of the authority conferred thereby establishes these By Laws.

Sec 2. All children between the ages of seven and sixteen years residing in said town being without any regular and lawful occupation or business and growing up in ignorance shall unless there be some sufficient reason to the contrary be required regularly to attend some public or private school or suitable institution of instruction

Sec 3. All children between the ages aforesaid who shall fail to comply with the provisions of the foregoing section or who belonging to any of the public schools of said town shall be habitual truants therefrom shall be liable to be punished by a fine of not more than five dollars upon each and every conviction of either of the offences aforesaid

Sec 4. All children between the ages aforesaid belonging to any public school in said town who shall without sufficient excuse therefor be absent therefrom six or more times in the course of any one term of said school shall for the purposes of these by-laws be deemed and taken to be habitual truants from said school

Sec 5 In place of the fine before provided for the offences above named the Justice having jurisdiction of such offences above named may commit the offender for a term not exceeding two years to the Farm School here by established by said Town and which is hereby assigned and provided as the institution of instruction house of reformation or other suitable situation named in the statutes of the Commonwealth before referred to

Sec 6 The said Farm School shall for the present be in connection with the Alm House of said town and the children sentenced as above shall be under the control and government of the Selectmen of said town who shall make suitable regulations concerning the employment instruction and management of said children

Sec 7 There shall annually be chosen by said town at its annual meeting three persons who shall alone be authorized in case of any violation of these by-laws to make the complaints and carry into execution the sentences thereon which persons shall be known and designated as truant officers and who shall receive such compensation as the town shall determine

Sec 8 It shall be the duty of such truant officers to inquire into and prosecute all cases of violations of these by-laws in said town In case any such truant officer shall find any child between the ages aforesaid belonging to any public school in said town during school hours wandering about in or near any road place of public resort or amusement in said town without sufficient excuse for his absence from school he shall apprehend such child and return him to the school to which he may belong unless he shall deem it proper to make

a complaint against such child under these by-laws and shall in either case notify the parent or guardian of said child of his doings in the premises

Sec 9 Any Justice of any Police Court and any trial of justice in the County of Bristol shall have jurisdiction of the offences named in these by-laws

Sec 10 These by-laws shall take effect when approved according to law

By Laws of the town of Westport in relation to Neglected Children

Sec 1 The town of Westport hereby avails itself of the provisions of the act of this Commonwealth approved May 26. 1866. entitled an act concerning the care and education of neglected children

Sec 2 The Farm School connected with the Alm House in said town is hereby assigned as the institution or place referred to in the third section of said act and the charge and government of said institution shall be in the Selectmen of said town who shall cause the same at all times to be an establishment in conformity with the objects of said Act

Sec 3 The Selectmen of said town shall annually appoint one or more suitable persons who alone shall severally be authorized to make complaints under the said Act and who shall receive such compensation as the town shall determine

Sec 4 It shall be the duty of the officer or officers appointed as aforesaid to visit the various portions of the said town as often as it may be necessary in order to acquaint themselves with the condition of such children under the age of sixteen years

as by reason of the neglect crime drunkenness or other vices of parents or from orphanage are referred to be growing up without salutary parental control and education or in circumstances exposing them to lead idle and dissolute lives and to make complaints in all cases wherein in their judgement it may be necessary in order to remedy the evils intended to be provided for by said Act said complaints to be made to any justice of any Police or Municipal Court or any trial of justice in the County of Bristol.

And these By Laws shall take effect when approved according to law

The foregoing By Laws have accepted and adopted

Attest. Albert G. Kirby Town Clerk
Westport April 13th 1872

Which said By-Laws being seen and understood by the Court are on this sixteenth day of April 1872 approved

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of Record I have set my hand and affix the seal of said Court this sixteenth day of April A.D. 1872

Jno Jas Sawyer
Scriber

A True Copy Attest
Albert G. Kirby
Town Clerk

Bristol I.C.
To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the
Town of Westport

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town House in said Westport on Saturday 29th Inst at 3 O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

2^d To see what action the Town will take in relation to an order from the County Commissioners for the building of a road in Acaxe

3^d To hear a decree from the County Commissioners in relation to a road from the Meadows to Westport Factory and act thereon

4th To see if the Town will accept of the relaying out of the Forge Road (so called) by the Selectmen

5th To see if the Town will grant permit to Westport Manufacturing Company to build a dam at the Forge in connection with the road

6th To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the Old School house at Westport Factory

And you are directed to serve this warrant by pasting attested copies in four Public places in said Town seven days at least before the time of said meeting

Need fail not and make due returns and your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of said meeting

Given under our hands this Twentieth day
of June A.D. 1872.

G. E. Brownell Selectmen
H. W. Kirby of Westport
Bristol S.S. Westport June 29, 1872.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted
Copies thereof at the Place of William Lifford
Robert S. Brownell, Anthony & Macomber
and Charles H. Brownell seven days before the
time of meeting
Chas. J. Curran Constable
of Westport.

Down House Westport June 29th 1872

Meeting called to order by the Clerk Warrant
read by Giles E. Brownell.

Giles E. Brownell was chosen Moderator
and sworn

Voted to build a road in Acosset as laid
out by the Selectmen and ordered by the
County Commissioners to be built

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build
the road in Acosset to the best of their ability
and judgement

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to loan
money to defray the expense of building
said road in Acosset

Voted to accept the Deed of the County Commissioners
on the road from Westport Factory to the Narrows

Voted to accept the lay out of a road over the old
Loggs called by the Selectmen

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Westport
have surveyed and made some alterations in the
laying out of a Highway (called the Long Road)
as follows commencing at a Stone Bound
near the North Easterly corner of the Miller
Lifford House on the Western line of the
Highway leading from the County Road
by the Anthony Lifford House to Westport
Factory thence North Ten Degrees Fifty
minutes West Forty four Rods & Seven feet
to a Stone Bound thence North Twenty Two Degrees
East Eight Rods and Thirteen feet to a point
Forty feet West from the North East abutment
of the Bridge thence North Ten Degrees Five
Minutes East Eighteen Rods & Three feet to a
Stone Bound thence North Two & a quarter
Degrees East Thirty One Rods and Seven
feet to a Stone Bound thence North Eleven
Degrees Thirty Two Minutes East Ninety
Rods to a Stone Bound near the North
abutment of John A. Bakers Gate way
thence North Thirteen and one half Degrees
East Seventy Four Rods & Twelve feet to a
Stone Bound thence North Sixty Nine
& One quarter Degrees East Seventy Five
Rods & Fifteen feet to the Highway (the
dividing line between Dartmouth & Westport)
to a Stone Post in the South Easterly corner of
Gideon & Whalone House & said the Bound and
Courses are all on the Western and Northern
side of the way and the location of the Compass
at the time of Survey was Ten Degrees Forty
minutes West The aforesaid way was
laid out in A.D. 1864 Forty feet and recorded in
Book B. page 30 and now relaid out the
same width & surveyed by us & our order & no
damages awarded for any alterations

Westport June 29, 1872

Giles E. Brownell (Selectman)
H. W. Kirby (Attorney)

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make such agreements or Contracts with Westport Manufacturing Co as they may think is for the best interest of the Town in relation to building a Dam in connection with the road over the old Forge so called

Voted that the School Committee be authorized to sell all the right and title the Town has in the School House and Lot near Westport Factory at Auction

Voted to Adjourn

A True Copy Attest
Albert C. Kirby
Town Clerk

Westport
June 31st 1872

To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the Town of Westport

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town House in said Town on the fifth day of November next (it being the Tuesday after the first Monday in said month) at Ten O'clock in the forenoon to bring in ^{their votes} to the Selectmen for Thirteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States viz Two at Large and one for each Congressional District Also for a Representative for the First Congressional District in the 43^d Congress of the United States Also for a Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary Treasurer and Auditor an Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Councillor for Council Dist No One and a Senator for the Third Senatorial District County

Commissioner who is not an Inhabitant of the same City or Town with either of those who are to remain in Office all on one Ballot.

Also for a Representative to the next General Court from District No Eight on a separate Ballot.

N. B. The Polls may be closed at 12 O'clock noon

Also on the same day at Five O'clock in the afternoon at the same place to act on the following Articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

2^d To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to Loan money to meet Payments for the building of the Road from Westport Factory to the Narrows as per Contract made by the Selectmen

3^d To see if the Town will grant Permission to John Drattie Jr of Fall River to remove School House No Eight in Westport

4th To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Fishery of Cock East Pond

5th To hear a Report of the Selectmen relation to the building of a Dam in connection with the road over the Old Forge and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Town Copies thereof in as many Public Places in said Westport specifying the time place and purposes thereof at least Seven days before the holding of said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of said Meeting

Wm E. Drane (Selectmen)
H. W. Kirby
Ephraim Lloyd Wilford

Dated at Westport this Twenty Fifth day of October
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two

Westport Nov 5th 1872

Pursuant to the
within warrant I have posted up copies thereof
at the stores of William Liffad Robert S Cornell
Anthony and Macomber and Charles H Brownell
Seven days before the time of holding said meeting

Charles F Sherman
Constable of Westport

1872 Westport November Fifth

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Westport held at the Town House in said
Town for the purpose set forth in the fore-
going warrant votes for the following named
persons were given in assorted and counted
and public declaration thereof made in open
Town meeting by the Electors

on motion voted to close the polls at 1/2 a Clock P.M.

For Electors at large whole number of votes 267

E. Rockwood Hoar of Concord had 260

John M Forbes of Milton 260

Charles W Chapin of Springfield had 7

Josiah C. Abbott of Boston had 7

For Electors in district No One whole number of votes 267

William L Davis of Plymouth had 260

George Delano of New Bedford had 7

For Electors in District No Two whole number of votes 267

Harrison Breed of Taunton had 260

James C Carpenter of Foxborough had 7

For Electors in District No Three whole number of votes 267

Alvan Simonds of Boston had 260

Charles A B Shepard of Boston had 7

For Electors in District No Four whole number of votes 267

Edward W Dunn of Boston had 260

Joseph Everdean of Chelsea had 7

For Electors in District No Five whole number of votes 267

Amos L Breed of Lynn had 260

Richard Frothingham of Charlestown had 7

For Electors in District No Six whole number of votes 267

Luther Day of Haverhill had 260

John A Bassett of Salem had 7

For Electors in District No Seven whole number of votes 267

John C Hoadley of Lawrence had 260

William H Clemence of Lowell had 7

For Electors in District No eight whole number of votes 267

Saron C Mayhew of Milford had 260

Henry W Muzzey of Cambridge had 7

For Electors in District No Nine whole number of votes 267

Stephen Salisbury of Worcester had 260

Isaac Davis of Worcester had 7

For Electors in District No Ten whole number of votes 267
 Levi Stebbins of Amherst had 260
 C. W. Snow of Litchburg had 7

For Electors in District No Eleven whole number of votes 267
 Henry Alexander Jr of Springfield had 260
 Charles R. Knox of Chelsea had 7

For Governor whole number of votes 267
 William B. Washburn of Greenfield had 260
 Frank W. Bird of Walpole had 7

For Lieutenant Governor whole number of votes 267
 Thomas Talbot of Billerica had 260
 William L. Smith of Springfield had 7

For Secretary of the Commonwealth whole number of votes 267
 Oliver Warner of Northampton had 260
 George A. Munroe of Boston had 7

For Auditor whole number of votes 267
 Charles Endicott of Canton had 260
 Patrick A. Collins of Boston had 7

For Treasurer and Receiver General whole number of votes 267
 Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had 260
 Levi Maywood of Gardner had 7

For Attorney General whole number of votes 267
 Charles A. Fair of Boston had 260
 Waldo Colburn of Dedham had 7

For Representative to Congress First District whole number 267
 James Buffinton of Fall River had 260
 Joseph M. Fay of Barnstable had 7

For Councillor District No One whole number of votes 267
 Alfred Macy of Nantucket had 260
 Sidney Tucker of Middleborough had 7

For Senator Third Bristol District whole number 267
 Charles F. Stickney of Fall River had 260
 Azariah S. Trapp of Fall River had 7

For County Commissioner whole number of votes 257
 Elisha F. Jackson of Taunton had 250
 Horatio W. Richardson of Attleborough had 7

For Representative to the General Court Eight
 Bristol District whole number of votes 224
 Giles E. Brownell of Westport had 195
 Jeremiah Masten " " 22
 A. F. Mayland " " 2
 John W. Gifford " " 5

Special Meeting Called to order by the Clerk

George D. Hifford was chosen Moderator and
 Secon

Voted to indefinitely postpone the second article
 of the warrant

Voted to allow John Beattie Jr of Fall River to remove
 School house No 8 on such terms as will be satisfactory
 to the School Committee

Voted that the Selectmen in behalf of the Town of Westport be requested to petition the next Legislature to pass an act authorizing said Town of Westport to control the Fisheries of Cooks East Pond.
Twenty Eight in favor Fifteen against

Voted to indefinitely postpone the fifth article of the warrant

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to article Six.

Voted to adjourn

A True Record

Attest Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk

Westport Nov 8th 1872

Westport Feb 8. 1873

This certifies that we the undersigned have this day appointed John A. Macomber Esq. Treasurer and Collector pro tempore of the Town of Westport vice Leonard Macomber (deceased)

L. E. Brownell (Selectman)

H. W. Kirby

Ephraim Giffard) Westport

Bristol SS February 8th 1873

Then personally appeared John A. Macomber Esq. and affirmed that he would faithfully perform the duties of the office of Collector and Treasurer of the Town of Westport for the time appointed

Stephen A. Brownell Justice of the Peace

The two foregoing articles are true copies
Westport Feb 10 1873 Attest Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk

Warrant To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the Town of Westport
for April of Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of April next it being the Monday of said month at Ten O'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes Viz

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of Chap 138 of the acts of 1871 relating to Road Commissioners
- 3rd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing
- 4th To hear reports of Town Officers and act thereon

5th To consider and determine the amount of appropriations necessary for the support of Schools Highways Bridges and other incidental expenses and for aid to families of volunteers and also to determine the manner of making the appropriations

6th To determine the manner of providing means for the construction of the Highway from Westport Factory to the Narrows as ordered by the County Commissioners

7th To consider the expediency of the building of a School House in 1873 or the ensuing year and the manner of building the same

8th To consider what inducement the Town will offer by way of discount for prompt payment of Taxes also consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from delinquent Tax payers that have not paid their Taxes on or before a specified time.

9th To determine the amount of Compensation the Collector and Treasurer may receive for his or their services

10th To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to renew certain notes held against the Town and to borrow money (if necessary) in anticipation of the tax

11th To see what action the Town will take in relation to its debt

12th To see if the Town will authorize some person or persons to stock the Union Mill Pond with Alewives

13th To see what action the Town will take in relation to the proposed Rail Road from New Bedford to Fall River

14th To see if the Town will authorize each Board of Town Officers to order from the Treasurer all bills incurred on account of each Department

15th To see if the Town will accept the List of Names of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen

16th To see if the Town will grant permission to Thomas Brownell to appropriate a lot on his Homestead for a burial ground

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies at Town Public Places in said Town Ten days at least before the time for holding said Meeting

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

Given under our hands this Twenty Second day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Three

L. E. Brownell (Selectmen)
H. W. Kirby
Ephraim Gifford (Westport)

Westport March 22. 73

Westport April 7. 1873

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up copies thereof at the Store of William Gifford Robert B. Cornell Anthony B. Macomber and Charles H. Brownell ten days before said meeting

Charles F. Sherman
Constable of Westport

April 7th 1873

Agreeable with the foregoing warrant the people legal voters of the Town assembled at the Town House and the following votes were passed

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk

Giles C. Brownell was unanimously chosen Moderator and sworn by the Clerk

Voted not to accept or adopt article second of the warrant

Voted to choose Town Clerk. Three Selectmen Three Overseers of Poor Three Assessors Town Treasurer and Collector One School Committee for three years Three Fence Viewers Four Land Commissioners Two Constables Three Auditing Committee all on one ballot.

Town Clerk

Albert C. Kirby

Sworn

Selectmen

Giles C. Brownell Sworn
Harvey W. Kirby Sworn
Ephraim Gifford affirmed

Overseers of Poor

Giles E. Brownell ^{sum}
Harvey W. Kirby ^{sum}
Ephraim Gifford ^{aff}

Assessors

Giles E. Brownell ^s
John W. Gifford ^s
Albert J. Manchester

School Committee for the year John A. Macomber ^{2d}

Treasurer

John A. Macomber ^{2d} ^{aff}

Collector

Manson E. Brownell ^{sum}

Fence Viewers

George Lawton
Benjamin L. Tripp ^s
Richard B. Gifford ^s

Landing Commissioners

Willard Reed
Benjamin L. Tripp ^s
Richard B. Gifford ^s
Restcome Macomber ^s

Constables

Charles F. Sherman ^s
Eli. A. Lotter

Auditing Committee

David Lawton
Restcome Macomber
Charles Fisher

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint as many Surveyors of Highways as they deem necessary

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark Jeremiah L. Thompson, Charles H. Brownell, Charles H. Macomber, George H. Gifford, David Lawton, Charles H. Crawl, Isaac Howland ^{sum}, David Howland, Restcome Macomber

Sealer of Weights and Measures Charles H. Crawl ^s

Voted to choose Nineteen Field Drivers

For Field Drivers Charles H. Reed, Daniel M. Sanford, Charles F. Sherman, William F. Brownell, Ivory G. Tripp, Abraham Brownell, Thomas B. Sherman, Robert F. Macomber, Jonathan Gifford, Godfrey Westgate, John A. Smith, Abraham E. Manchester, Abraham R. Gifford, Henry W. Eldridge, Jeremiah W. Martin, Robert Lotter, John A. Cornell, Jethro Tallman, Abner Kirby

Voted to Choose Three Pound Keepers

Pound Keeper Robert F. Macomber, Simeon A. Macomber ^{sum}, Sylvester G. Manley

Voted that the School Committee serve as Truant officers

Voted to ballot for Suprintendant of Town Cemetery

Ivory G. Tripp was unanimously chosen

Voted to lay the third article of the warrant on the Table

Voted to accept the report of the Suprintendant of Town Cemetery

Voted to recommend the Auditing Committee report to said Committee. And that all errors if any be corrected. And when corrected to be reprinted in pamphlet form. A sufficient number for every legal voter. Said report to be laid before the Town at the adjourned meeting

Voted to lay the fourth article on the on the Table

Voted To grant and raise Five Thousand Dollars for the
#5000. Support of Schools

Voted To grant and raise Five Thousand Dollars for
#5000. Highways and Bridges

Voted That one half of the money appropriated for Highways
be expended by the first of July

Voted To grant and raise Three Thousand Dollars for the
#3000. Support of Paupers

Voted To grant and raise One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
#1500. for Incidental Expenses

Voted To grant and raise Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars
in aid of Families of Volunteers

Voted To grant and raise Five Hundred Dollars to be expen-
#500. ded in repairs on School Houses. And to grade Lots

Voted to raise the money by Taxation on the Lolls
Real and Personal Estate of said Town

~~Resolved~~ Voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire not to
Exceed Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars in
payments of building the road from West at Factory
to the Narrows at such times and amounts
as is necessary to meet the demands of the
Contractors

Voted that the Collector allow no discount for prompt
payment of Taxes

Voted that the Collector charge 12 1/2 cent per annum on
and after November Fifth on all Taxes uncollected

Voted to allow the collector One per cent on all
Taxes collected and paid into the Treasury

Voted to allow the Treasurer one third of one per cent
on all payments from the Treasury

Voted to authorize the Treasurer to renew certain notes
held against the Town And to hire not to exceed
Ten Thousand dollars in anticipation of Tax

Voted to pay five per cent and the interest on the
Loan from the year ensuing

Voted that the fourth article of the Warrant be taken
from the Table

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Report of
the Auditing Committee was recommitted to them

Voted to accept the report of the Auditing
Committee

Voted to lay the fourth article on the Table

Voted to take up the Thirteenth article of the Warrant

Voted to extend an invitation to Geo F Stearns to
address the citizens of the Town

Voted to accept and adopt the resolutions offered
by O. A. Brownell

Resolved that the citizens of Westford in Town Meeting
assembled heartily approved of the project of constructing
said railroad and individually and collectively
pledge their sympathy and influence to the
encouragement of the enterprise

Resolved that we consider it important to the success
of the said proposed road that in the selection of a route
aside from the feasibility of the construction the interests
of the Towns through which it passes should be
generously considered

Resolved That we believe that a route near the central section of the Town would best promote the welfare of the largest number of our citizens and from its connections with other towns furnish the road with far more local business than a direct route

Resolved That if the route designated shall be adopted we promise individually to take a liberal amount of stock and in all other justifiable ways encourage the consummation of the enterprise

Resolved That a committee of three be appointed to take the subject into consideration and report at the adjourned meeting what action on the part of the Town in its corporate capacity is requisite and desirable to aid in carrying into effect this long needed improvement

Stephen A Brownell Stephen Kirby and Daniel M Cornell were chosen as Rail Road Committee and instructed to report at the adjourned meeting

Voted That the School Committee are hereby authorized to confer with School building Committee of the Town of Dartmouth and ascertain where a lot can be obtained at what cost also the probable expense of erecting such a School House as is needed for a Union School at the Factory Village and what portion of the expense the Town of Westport will be liable to pay and report at the adjourned meeting

Gideon W Giff and Frederick Gifford were chosen a Committee to stock the Irish Mill Pond with One Thousand five Hundred Alewives

Voted That each Board of Town Officers are hereby authorized to order all bills in their respective departments

Voted to accept the following list of Jurors

Anthony Gardner S	Howland William P
Anthony Sidner	Kirby Charles E
Alme G. Elow L	Lawton George B
Allen Cornelius J	Leary James
Allen John	Little Joseph C
Anthony Jacob	Lawton John
Butts George W	

Cornell John A	Macomber Robert H
Chace George H	Macomber Isaac B
Chace Thomas J	Macomber Samuel H
Chace Charles W	Manchester Albert J

Davis John A	Bisson John H
Davis Benjamin	Bushman Daniel
Earl Andrew R	Bushman Anthony

Gifford Abraham R	Giff. John A
Gifford John W	Whalon Gideon
Gammons Matthias J	Wood Nathan W
Young William	Wordell Joshua A

Voted that when this meeting adjourn it be until the Twentieth day of April next at Two O'clock P.M.

Voted to allow Thomas Brownell permission to appropriate a lot on his homestead for a burial place

Voted to adjourn

A True Record

Attest Albert C Kirby Town Clerk

^{ew} Town House Westport
April 26. 1873

Adjourned Meeting called to order by the Moderator

Albert J. Manchester having positively declined serving as Assessor David Lawton was chosen in his stead

Landing Commissioners report was read by the Secretary of said Board and accepted

School Committee Report read by C. L. Sherman Chairman of said Committee and accepted

Report of the School Committee of the Town of Westport and the School House Building Committee of the Town of Dartmouth met on the Fifteenth inst and agreed to recommend the building of a Union School house on a half acre lot which the Westport Manufacturing Company proposed to give to the Towns providing the Towns will build a Union School house after the style of the one at Russell's Mill in Dartmouth with the exception that it be built about 4 feet wider to admit of another row of desks

The House referred to at Russell's Mill is two stories thirty one $\frac{1}{2}$ by forty feet long sufficient length to furnish the rooms ten feet in the clear there are seats sufficient for forty scholars up stairs and forty eight down stairs The cost of the building including the lot was three thousand nine hundred dollars

The Committee recommend that the expense of building the house be paid equally by the two Towns

And the expense of keeping the School

shall be paid equally if one does not furnish. Five eighths of the scholars if it furnish Live eighths and not three quarters it shall pay Five eighths of the expense if it furnish three quarters and not seven eighths it shall pay three quarters of the expense

Respectfully Charles F. Sherman School Committee
Submitted Charles Fisher
John A. Macomber & Westport

Voted to accept the Lot offered by Westport Manufacturing Co and build a Union School House thereon in connection with the Town of Dartmouth

To choose a Committee of three by hand vote to be called a building Committee for the purpose of building the Union School House in connection with the Dartmouth Committee

Daniel Sherman Isaac Rowland and David Lawton were chosen for said Sch. House Building Committee

Voted To Authorize the School Building Committee to hire a sufficient sum of money for the building of said School House at such times and on such terms as they may deem expedient

To give the Sealer of Weights and Measures a Salary of Twenty Five Dollars

John Gunnell was chosen to fill the vacancy in the Fish Committee. As stock Cassin Mill Pond Frederick Lifford having resigned

Report of the Railroad Committee read by S. A. Brownell Chairman

Voted to allow George J. Stearns to speak in the meeting

Voted to accept the report of the Railroad Committee which recommended the Town to take stock in the proposed Rail Road from New Bedford to Fall River to the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and that the Town raise the funds by issuing bonds to that amount

Voted that if the Town votes to take stock in the proposed New Bedford and Fall River Railroad it shall only be binding in the event of its crossing the Town South of the Factory Village & Twenty Pies in favor of them against

The foregoing vote was reconsidered and the following substituted

Voted that if the Town votes to take stock in the proposed N. B. & F. R. Rail Road it shall only be binding in the event of its crossing the Town South of the Head of the River

Voted by hand vote that the Town take Fifty Thousand Dollars in the Fall River Rail Road

Result by Ballot Box and Check List Thirty in favor. Seventeen against

Voted that the compensation on the Highway be the same as last year

Voted to adjourn without day

A True Record Recorded by me
Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. To Charles F. Sherman Constable
of the Town of Westport
C. F. S. S. S. C.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the tenth day of May next at Two O'clock in the Afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles viz

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

2^d To see what action the Town will take in relation to aiding in the construction of a Rail Road from New Bedford to Fall River

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Attested Copies thereof at four Public Places in said Town Seven days at least before the time of said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hand this Twentieth day of April C. F. Broome (Deputy) Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Eight
Albert C. Kirby
Ephraim Gifford Westport

Westport May 10. 1878

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have this day posted up Copies thereof at the Stores of William Gifford Robert S. Cornell Anthony and Macomber and Charles A. Brannell Seven days before the time of said Meeting

Charles F. Sherman
Constable of Westport

Town House Westport May 10th 1878

Meeting called to order and warrant read

George H. Lifford was chosen Moderator and sworn by the Clerk

Voted that the Town proceed to ballot to take Fifty Thousand Dollars Stock in the proposed New Bedford and Fall River Rail Road

Yea and Nay

Whole number of votes Two Hundred & fifty Six
Yea - ^{Thirt}
Nay - Two Hundred and Twenty Six

Voted to adjourn

A True Record

Attest Albert G. Kirby Town Clerk

To Charles H. Sherman Constable of the Town of Westport

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town House in Westport on Tuesday the fourth day of November next it being the Tuesday after the first Monday of said month at Ten O'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Electors for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth & Councillor for the first Council Dist. Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth Register of Deeds for the Southern District Register of Probate and Insolvency County Treasurer County Commissioner one who is not an inhabitant

of the same town of either of the two remaining in office a Senator for the Third Bristol District All on one Ballot

Also a Representative for the Eighth Bristol District on a separate Ballot N.B. The polls may be closed at 10 O'clock

Also at the same place on the same day at 2 O'clock P.M. to act on the following Article viz

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

2nd To see what action the Town will take in relation to a line wall between the Friends Lot and the Town Cemetery

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof at four public places in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

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

Given under our hands this Twentieth third day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Three

E. C. Brownell

H. W. Kirby

Ephraim Lifford

Electors
Westport

Westport Oct 25th 1873

Pursuant to the within warrant I have this day posted up attested copies thereof at the stores of William Lifford Robert E. Cornell Anthony Macomber and Charles H. Brownell Charles F. Sherman Constable

Town Hall Report Nov 4. 1878

At a meeting of the Citizens of the Town of Westport held at the Town House in said Town for the purposes set forth in the foregoing Warrant Votes for the following named persons were given in assembly and counted and public declaration thereof made in Town Meeting by the Selectmen

For Governor whole number of votes 184

William D. Washburn of Greenfield had 180
William Gaston " Boston " 4

For Lieutenant Governor whole number 184

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had 180
William A. Smith of Springfield 4

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Oliver Warner of Northampton had 180

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had 180

For Auditor of Accounts

Charles Endicott of Canton had 180

For Attorney General

Charles R. Train of Boston had 180

For Councilor

Alfred Macy of Nantucket had 180

For Senator Third Bristol District

Charles I. Stickney of Fall River had 180

For County Commissioner

Elisha Thouten Jr of New Bedford had 163

For County Treasurer

George L. Pratt of Taunton 180

For Register of Deeds

Charles G. Page of New Bedford had 110

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

William G. Fuller of Taunton had 180

For Representative to General Court Eighth Bristol District

Whole number of votes Two hundred and twenty

Joseph G. Little had 158
Hiles & Brownell " 65

Special Meeting called to order by Hiles & Brownell

George W. Gifford was chosen Moderator and sworn

Voted to empower the Selectmen to rebuild the wall between the Friends Meeting House yard and the Town Cemetery

Voted to Adjourn. A True Record
Attest Albert G. Kirby Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. To Charles F. Sherman Constable of
warrant the Town of Westport, in the County of Bristol: Greeting.
for annual
meeting

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

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To see if the Town will accept of an act entitled an
act to provide for the election of Road Commissioners.
- 3rd. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees
for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To consider and determine the amount of appropriations
necessary for the Support of Paupers, maintenance of
Schools, repairing of Highways and Bridges, Incidental
Expenses, and for aid to families of Volunteers and
for the Liquidation of the Town Debt, also to determine
the manner of raising such appropriations.
- 5th. To hear Reports that may be submitted and act thereon.
- 6th. To consider and determine what inducement the Town
will ^{allow} by way of discount for prompt Payment of
Taxes, and fix the time during which the discount
may be allowed and paid.
- 7th. To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting
interest from Tax payers that have not paid their
Taxes on or before a specified period of time.
- 8th. To determine the amount of compensation that
shall be allowed to the Treasurer and Collector
for services.

- 9th. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to renew
certain notes held against the Town and to borrow money
(if necessary) in anticipation of the tax.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept of the list of jurors
prepared by the Selectmen.
- 11th. To see what action the Town will take for the procuring
of a school house lot in District No. 17 and building
a school house thereon.
- 12th. To see if the Town will permit Martha J. Kirby to use
a portion of her homestead for a burial ground.
- 13th. To see what action the Town will take in regard
to the construction of a vault in Beech Grove Cemetery.
- 14th. To see if the Town will authorize the Boards of
Officers to order bills against the Town incurred
for and on account of their respective departments.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up copies at four Public Places 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 doing thereon
to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said
meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty Third
day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventy four.

S. E. Brownell } Selectmen
H. W. Kirby } of
Westport

Westport March 23. 1874.

Westport April 6. 1874.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted
up copies thereof at the stores of William Gifford

Robert S. Cornell, Charles H. Brownell and Anthony and Macomber Seven days before the time of said meeting.

Charles F. Sherman,
Constable of Westport

April 6. 1874.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters of the town assembled at the Town House and the following votes were passed.

Meeting called to order by Giles C. Brownell

George H. Gifford was chosen Moderator.

Voted.

Not to accept the second article of the Warrant.
Yeas None. Nays Twenty One.

Voted.

To elect Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Overseers of Poor, Three Assessors, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, School Committee for 3 years Two Constables, Three Fence Viewers, Four Landing Commissioners, Three Auditing Committee all on one ticket.

The following were elected. viz.

Town Clerk John A. Macomber 2nd Affmd.

Selectmen Eli P. Sawton Sm.
Peter C. White Sm.
Joseph C. Little Sm.

Overseers of Poor Eli P. Sawton Sm.
Peter C. White Sm.
Joseph C. Little Sm.

Assessors David Sawton Sm.
John W. Howland Sm.
William Young

Collector Isaac Howland Sm.

Treasurer Isaac Howland Sm.

School Committee 3 years Charles Fisher

Constables James H. Allen Sm.
Daniel M. Sanford Sm.

Fence Viewers David Sawton Sm.
Richard S. Gifford Sm.
David D. Pettie Sm.

Landing Commissioners James H. Allen Sm.
Benjamin J. Tripp Sm.
Richard S. Gifford Sm.
Canaan Dyer

Auditing Committee John L. Anthony
Nathl. W. Winchester
Charles H. Macomber

Voted.

To Authorize the Selectmen to appoint as many Surveyors of Highway as they deem necessary

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.
Jeremiah J. Thompson, Charles H. Brownell, Charles H. Macomber Sm., David Sawton, Charles N. Crawl Sm., Isaac Howland Sm., David Howland, Restcome Macomber Sm., Preserved Tripp Sm.

Voted.

That Charles N. Crawl Sm. be sealer of weights and measures.

Voted.

To choose nine field drivers. viz.
Christopher Borden Sm., Thomas Brownell
Daniel M. Sanford Sm., Zebedee Davis
Gethro Tallman John A. Tripp
Edwin B. Gifford Alanson P. Brownell
Charles H. Reed Sm.

Voted To choose three pound keepers, viz:
Robert F. Macomber, Sm. Simeon A. Macomber, Sm.
Sylvester C. Manly.

Voted That Humphrey W. Wordell be added to the list of pound keepers.

Voted That James W. AllenSm and Daniel M. SanfordSm be
Treasurer Officers.

Balloted for Superintendent of Town Cemetery. ^{Sworn} Ivory
C. Tripp was unanimously elected.

Voted To grant and raise Five Thousand Dollars for the
\$5000. support of Schools.

Voted To grant and raise Five Thousand Dollars for the
\$5000. support of roads and bridges.

Voted To expend one half of the money appropriated for
the support of roads and bridges on or before the first
day of July next.

Voted To grant and raise Three Thousand Dollars for the
\$3000. support of Paupers.

Voted To grant and raise One Thousand Dollars for
\$1000. incidental expenses.

Voted To grant and raise Three Hundred Dollars Aid to
\$300 families of Volunteers.

Voted To grant and raise One Hundred Dollars for
\$100. expenses on School Houses & Lots.

Voted To grant and raise Ten Thousand Dollars for the
\$10,000. liquidation of the Town debt.

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted To grant and raise Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars for
\$6,200. the liquidation of the Town debt.

Voted That the appropriations made be raised by taxation.

Voted To accept the report of the Standing Commissioners.

Voted To lay the report of the Auditing Committee on the table.

Voted To accept the report of the Overseers of Poor.

Voted To take up the eleventh Article of the Warrant.

Voted To procure a lot and build a schoolhouse in District No. 17.

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted That the School Committee be a Committee to investigate
the matter of procuring a school house lot in District No. 17
and to propose a plan of building and estimate the cost
of the same and report at the adjourned meeting.

Voted That the Collector allow no discount for the
prompt payment of taxes.

Voted That the Collector charge and collect Interest at
the rate of ten per cent. per annum, on all taxes not
paid on or before the 3rd day of November next.

Voted To allow the Collector One per cent on all tax collected
and paid into the Treasury.

Voted To allow the Treasurer One Third of One per cent on all
payments from the Treasury.

Voted To authorize the Treasurer to renew certain Notes
held against the Town.

Voted To authorize the Treasurer to hire not to exceed Ten
Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the tax.

Voted To accept the following list of jurors.

Anthony Gardner S.
 Almy Zelotes S.
 Allen Cornelius J.
 Aikin Daniel B.
 Allen Frederick
 Allen Henry A.

Sammons Matthias E.
 Sifford Benjamin
 Sifford William A.
 Howland William B.
 Hart Andrew W.

Borden Christopher
 Baker Gehiel

Kirby Harvey W.
 Lears James
 Lawton John
 Lawton James B.

Chace George W.
 Chace Thomas J.
 Chace Charles W.
 Cornell Gideon
 Cornell Jacob
 Crapo Reuben W.

Macomber Robert F.
 Macomber Samuel A.

Peckham Gideon B.

Davis John A.
 Davis Lebedee E.
 Davis Joseph E.
 Davis Jonathan P.

Sherman Daniel
 Wood Nathan W.
 Winchester Nathaniel W.
 White Peter C.
 Wordell Gilbert B.
 Wyatt William J.

Earl Andrew B.

Sifford Abraham B.
 Sifford Frederick

Voted. To allow Martha J. Kirby to use a portion of her farm for a burial ground.

Voted. To indefinitely postpone the 13th article in the warrant

Voted. To authorize the several boards of Officers to order bills incurred for and on account of their respective departments.

Voted To adjourn until the 20th inst. at 2 o'clock P.M.
 A True record.

Attest. John A. Macomber 2nd Town Clerk.

Westport, April, 20, 1874
 Adjourned meeting. Called to order by the Clerk.

The ^{Moderator} being absent Isaac Howland was unanimously elected Moderator pro tem. having five votes and sworn by the clerk.

Voted To reconsider the vote whereby we elected three Assessors.

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted To choose one Assessor Christopher Borden ^{was elected}

Voted To have the records of last meeting read

Voted To grant and raise Four Hundred Dollars for expenses on school houses and lots in addition to the amount raised at the last meeting.

Voted That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make a new loan for the purpose of taking up notes held by the New Bedford Institution for Savings against the town of Westport to an amount not exceeding Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars.

Voted That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized at their discretion to add to any or either department of the town appropriation any money that ~~is~~ may be in the treasury that ~~are~~ not otherwise appropriated.

Voted That the Surveyors of Highways are hereby authorized to pay not to exceed twenty cents per hour for actual labor for a man. The same for a yoke of oxen thirty two cents per day for a plough and twenty five cents for a cart.

Voted That the compensation for Surveyors of Highways be twenty two and one half cent per hour.

Voted To accept the report of the school house locating committee as follows.