

Report of the Road Committee Called
For and read by Abram D Gifford
Chairman

1870
Committee
Highway
Westport April 9th 1870
The Committee to whom was referred the
communication of the Westport Manufacturing
Co concerning a road from Smith's Mills
in Dartmouth to Ruth Wordells Corner
in Westport so called for which a petition
has been presented to the County Commission
have attended to that duty and submit
the following report

In the opinion of your Committee it would be
for the best interest of this Town for the road
to be located to pass the Westport Factory
if the said Westport Manufacturing Co upon
their part will become obligated to pay one
half of the construction of said road also one
half of the amount of Land damage if any
should have to be paid to the owners of the
land over which said road should pass
And that the Town of Westport upon their
part agree not to increase the valuation
for the purpose of taxation for the term of
Fifteen years from May Eighteen Hundred
& Seventy upon any property that is or
may be used for Manufacturing purposes
or for buildings and improvements that
may be made for the use of said Co
including Tenement Houses owned
by said Co The Co also agree to keep
one half said road in repair for the
term of Fifteen Years

Signed E. E. Brounill
R. W. Kirby
A. R. Gifford
Isaac Howland) Committee

Voted to invite Mr. B. Trafford (not a citizen of
Westport) to make remarks on the subject

Voted to accept the report of the Committee

Voted that the Selectmen assisted by E. E. Brounill
be a Committee to appear before the County
Commissioners and favor the proposed
Route for a Highway from Smith's Mills
by Westport Factory to Ruth Wordells Corner
so called as framed for by Robert S. Gibbs
and Others provided the said Com. shall
determine that the public good and
convenience require a more direct line from
Fall River to New Bedford

Voted that the Selectmen assisted by E. E.
Brounill be a Committee to appear before
the County Commissioners and oppose the
proposed Route for a Highway
from Turners Mills to Ruth Wordells
Corner so called as framed for by
Joseph S. Gillingham & Others

Voted to authorize the School Committee
to order all Bills in their Department

Voted that the Overseers be and are hereby authorized
to order all Bills in their department

Voted that the School Committee are hereby
authorized to sell all School District Property
not used for School Purposes

Voted that instruction to Collectors in regard to Leonard
Brightman's Tax Be postponed until next year

Voted that a Town Pound be constructed
on the Town Farm

Voted that Robert F Macomber's Barn Yard
Hard Be used for a Town Pound

Voted that the Widow Polly Macomber's Barn
Hard Be used for a Town Pound

Voted to Choose Three Pound Keepers
Adam Bennett Robert F Macomber
^{5th} Richard Heaf

Voted to Choose Six Field Drivers
^{5th} William E Triff Albert G Triff
^{5th} David R Triff Daniel M Sanford
Henry W Elbridge Andrew S Macomber
add'd to list ¹⁰ Mrs Brightman Michael Camisky

Voted that the Price of Lots in Town Cemetery
be fixed at Fifteen Dollars

Voted to except the ^{Report of} Superintendent of
Town Burial Ground

Voted to choose Superintendent of Town
Burial Ground.

Erory. C. Triff. (Chosen)

Voted to allow Fifteen cents per hour for a
man and Twenty cents per hour for a
yoke of Oxen ~~for~~ Actual Labor
on Highway

Voted to allow 33¢ per Day for a Plough
and 25¢ for a Cart labor on Highway

Report of Building Committee on School
Houses read and accepted.

Voted that the School Committee be
authorized and requested to wall and
grade the new School House Lots and
provide Shutters for all old Houses
that in their discretion are worth such
repairs

⁺⁵⁰⁰ Voted to grant and raise Five Hundred
⁸⁰⁰ Dollars to be expended by School Committee
in walling & grading Lots

Voted to accept the Landring Commission's
report

Voted to instruct the Collector to complete
his Collection on or before the first of
January 1871

Voted that the Overseers of Poor collect
the Collectors Books as fast as
they shall complete their Collections

Voted to adjourn without day

At True Record

Attest Abner Kirby

Town Clerk
of Westport

1970 Bristol SS.
Special Meeting of the Town of Westport
To Charles F. Sherman Constable
Westport N.H.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of
the Town of Westport qualified to vote in
Electors and Town affairs to meet at the Town
House in said Town on Tuesday the sixth day
September 1870 at 2 O'clock in the Afternoon
then and there to act on the following articles
Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2^d To see if the Town will prohibit the sale of such
Liquor as are mentioned in Chap 889. Sec 3 of
the Acts of the year 1870
- 3^d To see what action the Town will take in
relation to a demand that Dr. A. N. Mackie
holders against the Town for Professional service
rendered to D. G. Sabin

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

Given under our hands this Twentieth third
of August in the year One Thousand Eight
Hundred & Seventy
G. E. Brownell Selectmen of
W. H. Kirby Westport

Westport Sept 6th 1870
Pursuant to the within warrant I have
posted up copies thereof one at the Store
of William Gifford one at the Store of
Anthony & Macomber and one at the
Store of W. H. Bliss seven days before the
time of holding said Meeting

Charles F. Sherman.
Constable of Westport.

Town House Sept 6. 1870 2 O'clock P.M.

In the absence of the Town Clerk the meeting
was called to order by the Selectmen

Leonard Macomber was chosen Clerk
Pro Tem. And affirmed.

George W. Gifford was chosen Moderator & sworn

Voted to vote on Article 2^d by yeas & nays

Yeas	—	Nineteen	—	19
Nays	—	Seven	—	7

Voted to indefinitely postpone the
third Article in the warrant

Voted to adjourn

Leonard Macomber
Clerk Pro Tem
I hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of the warrant and record

Attest Albert C. Kirby
Town Clerk of
Westport

1870

Warrant

State

election

To Charles F. 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 Eight 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 Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary Auditor Attorney General and Treasurer of the Commonwealth Representative for the First Congressional District Councillor for First District County Commissioner Ward Treasurer for Bristol County Register of Deeds for Southern District and Sheriff for Third Senatorial District all on one Ballot Also One Representative to the next General Court on a separate Ballot

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at three or more 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 yourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hand this Twentieth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy

C. B. Russell (Selectmen)

H. W. Kirby

Ephraim Gifford 1 Westport

S. B. The Polls may be closed at Twelve o'clock noon

Westport Oct 27. 1870

Bristol ss. Westport Nov 8. 1870
Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Westport qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up attested copies of such warrant One at the store of Charles H. Macomber One at the store of Anthony and Macomber one at the store of Henry H. Bliss and one at the store of Samuel Gifford. Being public and conspicuous places in said Town on the 28th day of Oct. 1870

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 Eight day of November Eighteen Hundred & Seventy for the purposes set forth in the foregoing warrant. Votes for the following named persons were given in assized and counted And public Declaration thereof made according to Law Viz.

For Governor whole number of votes Two Hundred & Ninety four 294

William Claflin had Two hundred & Sixty seven 267
Wendell Phillips had Nineteen 19
John L. Adams had Fourteen 14

For Lieutenant Governor whole number of votes Three Hundred & five 305
Joseph Tucker had Two hundred & Seventy five 275
Relphate Trask had Sixteen 16
James Chattaway had Fourteen 14

For Secretary of the Commonwealth
 whole number of votes Two Hundred & Ninety five 295
 Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two Hundred
 and Sixty Eight 288
 George S. Ball of Milton had fourteen 14
 Luther Stevens of Hingham had thirteen 13

For Treasurer and Receiver General whole number of
 votes Two Hundred & Ninety six 296
 Charles Adams of North Brookfield had
 Two Hundred & Sixty Seven 287
 John Baker of Beverly had fourteen 14
 Levi Heywood of Gardner fourteen 14
 Genl Stephen " " " " one 1

For Attorney General whole number of votes
 Two Hundred & Ninety five 295
 Charles Allen of Boston had Two Hundred & Sixty seven 287
 Whiting Griswold of Greenfield fourteen 14
 William W. Warren of Brighton had fourteen 14

For Auditor of Accounts whole number of votes
 Two Hundred & Ninety five 295
 Charles Endicott of Canton had Two
 Hundred and Sixty Seven 287
 Lyman W. Daggett of Middleborough had fourteen 14
 Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had fourteen 14

For Councillor Dist No 1 whole number of votes
 Two Hundred & Ninety six 296
 Marshall S. Underwood of Dennis had
 Two Hundred & Sixty Eight 288
 Henry B. Maglathlin of Saxonburg 28

For Representative to Congress dist No 1 whole number
 of votes Two Hundred & Ninety three 293
 James Buffington of Fall River had Two Hundred
 and fifty one 251
 Robert C. Patten of New Bedford had thirty nine 39
 William B. Comstock of Middleborough had three 3

For Senator Third Bristol District
 whole number of votes Two Hundred and Eighty six 286
 Charles P. Strickland of Fall River had
 Two Hundred & Forty six 246
 Abram R. Lifford of Westport had forty 40

For County Commissioner for Bristol County
 whole number of votes Two Hundred & Ninety two 292
 Elisha Thonbur of New Bedford had
 Two Hundred and Twenty 220
 Shearjashub T. Viall of New Bedford
 Seventy Two 72

For County Treasurer Bristol County whole number
 Thomas J. Gothrop of Taunton had 296
 Two hundred and Eighty two 282
 John Collins of Fall River had fourteen 14

For Register of Deeds South Bristol District whole
 number Two Hundred & Eighty Seven 287
 Charles C. Bager of New Bedford had
 Two Hundred & Eighty six 286
 John Davis New Bedford one 1

For Representative to General Court dist No 8 Bristol
 whole number of votes Two Hundred & Ninety two 292

A. S. Nowlan had Ninety One 91
 Stephen A. Brownell of Westport
 had Two Hundred and One 201

Nov 10th 1870 A True Record

Recorded by me
 Attest, Albert Kirby Town Clerk

Bristol SS Westport May 16. 1870.

Then personally appeared George
H. Chase and took the oath of Office
as Surveyor of Highways for the Town of
Westport for the year ensuing before me

Geo H Gifford Justice of the Peace
A True Copy
Attest Albert C Kirby
Town Clerk

Epizootic Notice

In order to prevent the spreading among cattle
of the contagious disease known as Epizootic
Fever or Hoof and Mouth Disease it is ordered
by the Selectmen of the Town of Westport

1st No drove cattle shall be driven into or through
said town

2^d All cattle affected with said disease or those
known to have been in any manner exposed
to the contagion thereof shall be kept isolated upon
the premises of the owner thereof and shall not be
driven or allowed to pass therefrom

3^d Any person or persons violating any of the
above provisions will be liable to forfeit a sum
not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars and
to imprisonment not exceeding one year

Westport Jan 16.
1871

C. C. Bournelle, Selectmen
H. M. Kirby, of Westport

A True Copy
Attest Albert C Kirby Town Clerk

1871 To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the Town
of Westport
3^d of

Transmit In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts 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 House in said Westport
on Monday the Third day of April next
at Ten O'clock in the forenoon for the
following purposes viz

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

2nd To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year
ensuing

3^d To hear the Reports of the various Town Officers
and act thereon

4th To Consider and determine the Amount of
Appropriations necessary for the Support
of Paupers Maintenance of Schools Highways
Town Ways Bridges for Incidental Expenses
and for aid for Families of Volunteers also
to determine the manner of making the
appropriations

5th To Consider and determine the Location of
the High School for the year ensuing

6th To see what Action the Town will take in relation
to Establishing a Union School with the Town
of Dartmouth near Westport Factory

7th To see what Action the Town will take in relation
to Establishing Truant Children and Absentees
from School

8th To see if the Town will provide and maintain a Lockup.

9th 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.

10th To consider the propriety of demanding and Collecting Interest from delinquent Tax Payers who have not paid their taxes on or before a specified time.

11th To determine the Compensation the Collector and Treasurer may receive for his or their services.

12th To see if the Town will Authorize the Town Treasurer to renew certain notes held against the Town and to borrow money in anticipation of the Tax.

13th To see what action the Town will take in relation to its Debt.

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

15th To see if the Town will empower some person or persons to execute an agreement in behalf of the Town with the Westport Manufacturing Company for the Building and Repairing and repair a certain part of a proposed road to be laid out by the County Commissioners from Westport Factory to Ruth Rodell Corner (so called) within the bounds of Westport.

16th To see if the Town will Authorize the Treasurer to pay to Reestome Borden and others the amt contributed by them for recruiting purposes and has not been reimbursed.

17th To see if the Town will Offer and a Bounty for the Destruction of Hawks and Crows.

18th To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor and School Committee to order bills and demands against the Town for their respective departments.

19th To see what action the Town will take in regard to a Fishing privilege in Westport River near the Harbor called the Dick.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Copies thereof at Four or more 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 closing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth Second day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventy One.

Westport
March 22nd
1871

L. C. Brownell
H. W. Kibbe
Ophraim Liffard } Selectmen
Westport

Westport April 3rd 1871

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Westport qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up attested Copies of such warrant one at the store of Samuel Liffard one at the store of Anthony and Macomber one at the store of Charles H. Macomber and one at the store of

Gifford and King seven days before the
time of holding said meeting

Charles F. Sherman
Constable of Westport

Westport April 3^d 1871 The Inhabitants
of the Town of Westport assembled at the
Town House in said Town agreeable with
the foregoing warrant and the following
named Officers were chosen and voted
passed

Annual
Meeting
1871

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Giles E. Brownell chosen Moderator

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

Town Clerk. ^{sworn} Albert A. Kirby

Selectmen ^{sworn} Giles E. Brownell
" Harvey H. Kirby
Affirmed Ephraim Giffard

Overseers of Poor ^{sworn} Harvey H. Kirby
" Giles E. Brownell
Affirmed Ephraim Giffard

Assessors ^{sworn} David Lawton
" Giles E. Brownell
" John W. Giffard
Ephraim Giffard
^{sworn} Albert A. Manchester

Treasurer Leonard Macomber affirmed

Collector Leonard Macomber "

Constables ^{sworn} Charles F. Sherman
" Adam Bennett

School Committee 3y^{rs} Charles Fisher 3y^{rs}

Fence Viewers
Benjamin F. Luff George Lawton ^{sworn}
Richard S. Giffard ^{sworn}

Landing Commissioners
Abram Lye Benjamin F. Luff
^{sworn} Richard S. Giffard Willard Reed

Auditing Committee
David Lawton Reston Macomber
Thomas Sanford &c

Surveyors of Highways
Phillip F. Lissin & Abner Kirby
Stephen R. Howland Richard S. Giffard
Joshua H. Howdell George H. Chase
Helder B. Borden John A. Cornell
Alden F. Lissin Elias B. Sanford
George F. Lawton David H. Potter
Francis B. Macomber Eldon B. Peckham
Nathan W. Wood David Lawton
Adam Bennett Elias L. Macomber
Wilbour Luff John A. Smith
Charles F. Giffard &c Peleg S. Sanford
John A. Adams Charles Fisher
Daniel F. Snell John W. Howland
Daniel Whelan Simon Macomber
Howland Luff Joeth Howland
Nathaniel Kirby Johnathan Pierce
Lodges Cornell &c Willard Reed
Adam R. Giffard William H. Giffard &c

Manner of Wood Lumber & Bark

Measure Voted to choose Nine
of Wood Jeremiah L Thompson Charles S. Crain
Lumber Charles H Brownell David B Nowland
& Bark Charles H Macomber Isaac Nowland
George H Liffard Artemus Macomber
David Lawton

Sealer of Weights and Measures
John C. Macomber

Voted to choose Six Field Officers
Charles H Borden Albert J Luff
Daniel M Sanford William B King
Wm Brownell Job Curfee

Voted to choose two Pound Keepers
Adam Bennett Robert E Macomber

Supintendent of Town Cemetery
Sven & Ship

Voted that the third Article of the warrant
be laid on the table

Support Voted to grant and raise Five Thousand
\$2500. Dollars for the Support
of Paupers

School Voted to grant and raise Four Thousand
\$4500. Live Hundred Dollars for the Support of
Schools

Labor Voted to assess Fifteen Hundred Dollars to
Highway be Expended in Labor on the Highway

Money Voted to grant and raise one Thousand Dollars
\$1000. in Money to be expended on the Highway
under the direction of the Selectmen

President Voted to grant and raise One Thousand
\$1000. Dollars for incidental Expenses

Coffee Voted to grant and raise Five Hundred Dollars
Rewards in expectation of paying the Reward offered
by the Selectmen

Families Voted to grant and raise Six Hundred and
of Volunteers Fifty Dollars in aid of Families of Volunteers
\$650.

Voted that the foregoing Appropriations be assessed
upon the Polls Real and Personal Estate
of the Town and the Non Resident Property
Holders of the Town

Voted that the High School be Located at
the Head of the River in the Summer and
at West Point in Winter

Voted to indefinitely postpone the sixth Article
of the warrant

Voted to take up the nineteenth Article

Voted that the Selectmen take the nineteenth
Article into Consideration Take Counsel
and report at the adjourned meeting

Voted that when this meeting adjourn it be
until the fourth Saturday in the month at
Ten O'clock A.M.

Voted that the following by Laws be adopted
in relation to truant Children

sect 1 The Almshouse in the town of Westport is hereby
Established assigned and provided as the Institution
of instruction House of reformation or suitable place
of restraint confinement and instruction of any person
of said town convicted of being an habitual truant

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or if any child not attending school and growing
up in ignorance in said town between the
ages of Seven and Sixteen years

Section 2^d All children residing in the Town of
Treat at between the ages of Seven and Sixteen
shall be required to attend some school or
suitable place of instruction at least
Twelve weeks in a year unless there be some
good and sufficient reason to the contrary
and all persons not so attending shall be
termed truants or absentees

Section 3^d Any minor of said town between
the ages of Seven and Sixteen years convicted
of being an habitual truant or of not
attending school and growing up in ignorance
shall be punished by a fine not exceeding
Twenty Dollars or be committed to the almshouse
for such time not exceeding Two years
as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction
of the same may determine

Section 4 There shall be chosen by the Town of
Treat at its annual meeting persons who
alone shall be authorized in cases of violation
of these by laws to make complaint and to carry
into execution the sentence thereon and who
shall receive such compensation for their service
as the Selectmen of the Town may determine
and who shall be known and denominated
as truant officers

Section 5 Any trial justice or police Court shall
have jurisdiction of all offences under these by laws

Voted that the School Committee constitute the Board
of Truant Officers

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Voted that the Town provide and maintain a
lockup

Voted that the Overseers of Poor be empowered
to provide a suitable place at the Almshouse

Voted to adjourn

At True Copy attested
Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk

Adjourned Meeting 1871

Town House April 29. 1871.

Meeting Called to order by the Moderator

Voted to proceed to ballot for one Assessor
Ephraim Lifford having positively declined.

Joshua Wordell. Chosen to fill the vacancy

Voted to hear the report of the various Town
Officers and act thereon.

Report of Selectmen in relation to Guideposts
read and accepted

Voted to accept the Report of the Auditing
Committee also the Overseers of Poor

Voted to accept the Landring Commissioners
Report

serviced Voted to allow Twenty cents per hour for a
Man and the same for a yoke of Oxen
for labor Actual labor on Highway and that three
cents for a plough and Twenty five cents
for a cart

Voted not to allow any discount for
prompt payment of Taxes

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

Voted to give the the Collector One per cent
on all monies Collected as Tax and
paid into the Treasury and one third
of one per cent on all payments from
the Treasury

Voted to authorize the Treasurer to loan not to
exceed Two Thousand five Hundred dollars in
anticipation of Tax and to renew certain
notes held against the Town

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

List of Names of Jurors as made out by
the Selectmen of Westport

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Allen Helotus L | Howland Stephen P |
| Smith George E | Jennay Charles H |
| Boomer Edwin A | Leiby Charles E |
| Baker John H | Kirk Milford S |
| Brightman Elihu S | Lawton Augustus E |
| Brownell Horatio W | Lawton Alden M |
| Batts George W | Lawton George S |
| Chace George H | Leary James |
| Cornell John G | Little Charles |
| Cornell Godfrey J | Lawton John E |
| Carrs Walter B | Macomber Robert L |
| Carrs Hebridee E | Macomber Isaac R |
| Carrs John A | Westgate Charles |
| Lisher Charles | White Holmer |
| Giffard Benjamin | Wood George L |
| Giffard John W | Wing Charles |
| Giffard Abraham R | Sisson John H |
| Howland John W | Sanford Daniel H |
| Howland John W | Sanford Albert L |

Sisson George F
Sisson Julius
Living William A
Potter David H

Westport March 22, 1871

W E Brownell (Selectman)
H W Kirby
Ephraim Giffard (Westport)

#257. Voted to grant and raise Two Hundred and fifty
to wall Rollaw to wall two school House lots which
school House the Town are under obligation to do
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Voted to allow William B Giffard to speak in the
Fifteenth Article of the Warrant

The following Agreement was read by Giles E
Brownell Chairman of the ^{Board of} Selectmen And accepted
by the Town And the Selectmen were chosen
as a Committee to execute said agreement

Agreement Whereas it is desired on behalf of the Town of
in Duplicate Westport to arrange for the building of the New
Town of Road which the County Commissioners are
Westport about to lay out from Smiths Mills in the
and the direction of Fall River by way of Westport Factory
Westport that is to say for building so much of the same
Map Co as shall be within the bounds of Westport and
Westport also for the care of a portion thereof when built
Giffard and whereas William B Giffard George B Lewis
et al and Elijah H Lewis all of Westport and copar-
tated Avers under the style of the Westport Manufacturing
Machinery Company offer to pay one half the expense of
1871 building and completing said road within said
bounds of Westport to the acceptance of the
County Commissioners and as may be directed
by them but not paying any land damages
and also offer to pay one half the expense of
taking care of the said section within the
bounds of Westport when built for the period
of fifteen years from and after such completion

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That is to say of keeping the same in good order and safe and convenient for public travel and in all respects as the Town would be by law obliged to keep it for and during said period of fifteen years.

Now The said Town accepts said offer and agrees with said Company to accept said half of the expense aforesaid and the said Town shall be indebted to said Company therefor said portion of expense and expenses so received and ten per cent per annum interest from the several dates of such receiving and that such debt and interest shall be due and payable and without any demands except so far as modified by the following clauses of this instrument.

And it is agreed that said Town shall have the right to perform its part of this agreement and satisfy its debt and interest above named by the performance of the following substitute agreement that is to say if such substitute is in fact fully carried out it shall operate as a payment of said debt and interest and not otherwise If the said substitute shall be only partially carried into effect all just credits arising out of such performance shall be allowed to the Town.

Said Substitute is as follows
Said Town will remit all excess as hereinafter described of State County and Town Taxes upon the Real Estate Machinery unwrought Block Tenement Houses and property (all of the same being held for manufacturing purposes) which said Company now own or may hereafter acquire during said period of fifteen years said excess as to Real Estate is the excess over and above what would be the amount of

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Taxes if assessed on the valuation of such Real Estate actually in force in 1869 by whomsoever said Real Estate was then owned and in respect of said property not Real it is the excess over what would be the amount of Tax if assessed on the actual valuation of said Company's property not Real in force in 1869 in Trenton and this shall be so whether said property shall increase or diminish in quantity or value and said Town hereby agrees and promises to carry this substitute into effect and make the remission above set forth.

It is further understood that this agreement is in no wise to affect the making of new valuations of said property but remissions shall be made thereof afterwards as aforesaid.

It is also agreed that said Company shall pay its halves as aforesaid and if said Company shall be in ^{any} default of default in reference to the payments aforesaid at any time or times for thirty days after demand the said Town may recover the amount or amounts in default from said Company in an action at Law and if such default at any time shall occasion an unpaid arrear of One Hundred Dollars then the aforesaid agreement of the Town as to remissions shall if the Town so elect be vacated.

And it is further understood that any allowance that may be made by the County of Bristol on account of the expenses of construction of said Road to the said Town shall accrue equally to the benefit of the parties to this agreement but shall not effect the remission of Tax excess above provided.

And it is also understood that the Heirs and Assigns of said Company or of either of the Copartners of said Company are to be included within the aforesaid agreement

The aforesaid Agreement was executed this Sixth day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy and
In behalf of the Town of Westport

by L. E. Brownell.
H. W. Kirk.
Ephraim Gifford

Westport Mfg Company
Wm. B. Sheppard
C. W. Lewis
C. R. Lewis.

Voted to pay the Principal to Westcome Bader and Others as shown by the Fifteenth Article

Voted to indefinitely postpone the Seventeenth Article of the warrant

Voted to allow the Overseers of Poor and School Committee to order Bills in their respective Departments

Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen in relation to the Nineteenth Article

Voted that a Committee of Three be chosen to take such legal measures as will seem to the Town the right of the Hearing Jurisdiction connected with Cooks East Pond in Westport

Voted that the Selectmen be that Committee

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Selectmen were chosen a Committee on the Hearing Jurisdiction

Voted to indefinitely postpone the Nineteenth Article of the warrant

Voted to instruct the General School Committee to lease a Building at Westport Factory in conjunction with the School Committee of Portsmouth and establish a Union School the present Year

Voted to choose Christopher Bondell Henry D. Eldridge & Poley Comell in addition to the list of Leech & Sons

The following named Gentlemen were chosen as Surveyors and the named places of office were chosen instead

Ephraim Gifford. - William Colwell
Isaac Bennett. - Albert J. Tapp
Stephen R. Howland - George W. Kirk
Darius L. Macomber - Poley B. Brownell

Voted to grant and raise Five Hundred Dollars in addition to the labor Tax on Highways

Voted to Adjourn

A true Copy

Attest, Albert G. Kirk, Town Clerk.

Warrant
Special
Meeting
Holding
in
Account
1871

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport who are qualified to vote in Election and Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the Twenty Ninth day of April (next) at Two O'clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes viz

- 1st To Choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will accept a way as laid out by the Selectmen agreeable to a petition signed by James M. Bowland others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies thereof at Town 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 the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One

Westport, April 19, 1871
H. W. Kirby
Ephraim Dufford
(Selectmen of Westport)

Meeting called to order by the Town Clerk

John W. Liffad was chosen Moderator
Voted not to accept the Road as laid out by the Selectmen

Voted to adjourn
At True Copy Attest
Albert C. Kirby Town Clerk

1871
To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the Town of Westport Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport who are qualified to vote in Election and Town Affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the Second day of May (next) at Three O'clock in the Afternoon for the following purposes viz

- 1st To Choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will prohibit the Sale of the patent Strong Beer and Lager Beer in said Town

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies thereof at Town 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 the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this twentieth day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One

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 Howland was Chosen Moderator

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

Voted to Ad' our
 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

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

Noted 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

2^d 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

3^d 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 Westport 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 Sutherland 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 assented 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 Easton 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. Borden 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. Noble 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 Westport never favored a road from Macomber Corner to Westport 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
 Westport Nov 8th 1871

Bristol SS To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the
 Town of Westport 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 Westport 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 Westport

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 grading 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	Lawton Augustus C
Akins George C	Lawton Elden M
	Lawton George S

Brightman Elihu A	Leary James
Battis George W	Lawson John E
Booth Sydney S	

Macomber Robert H

Chace George H
Cornell John A
Cornell Godfrey J

Potter David A

Davis Gebedee C
Davis John A

Sherman Daniel
Sisson John H
Sanford Daniel M
Sanford Albert F

Gifford Benjamin
Gifford John W
Gifford Frederick
Gifford Abraham A

Giff Weston S

Howland Goeth
Howland John W
Howland Stephen A

Westgate Charles
Wood George F
Wing Charles

Jenney Charles H

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

Kirby Edmund
Kirby Charles E.

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 C Kirby
Town Clerk

Town House, April 13th 1890 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 Bury. & Lipp.

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 Cent 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 Tuant 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 Tuant 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
Scrib + Clerk

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 Acoset 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 Acoset 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 Acoset

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. Baker's 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 9 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 Fishing 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

Lyle 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 fourth 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 Galbot 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 " " 8
 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 block 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

And if 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 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 votes 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

Alanson 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 Supriendant 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 Supriendant 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