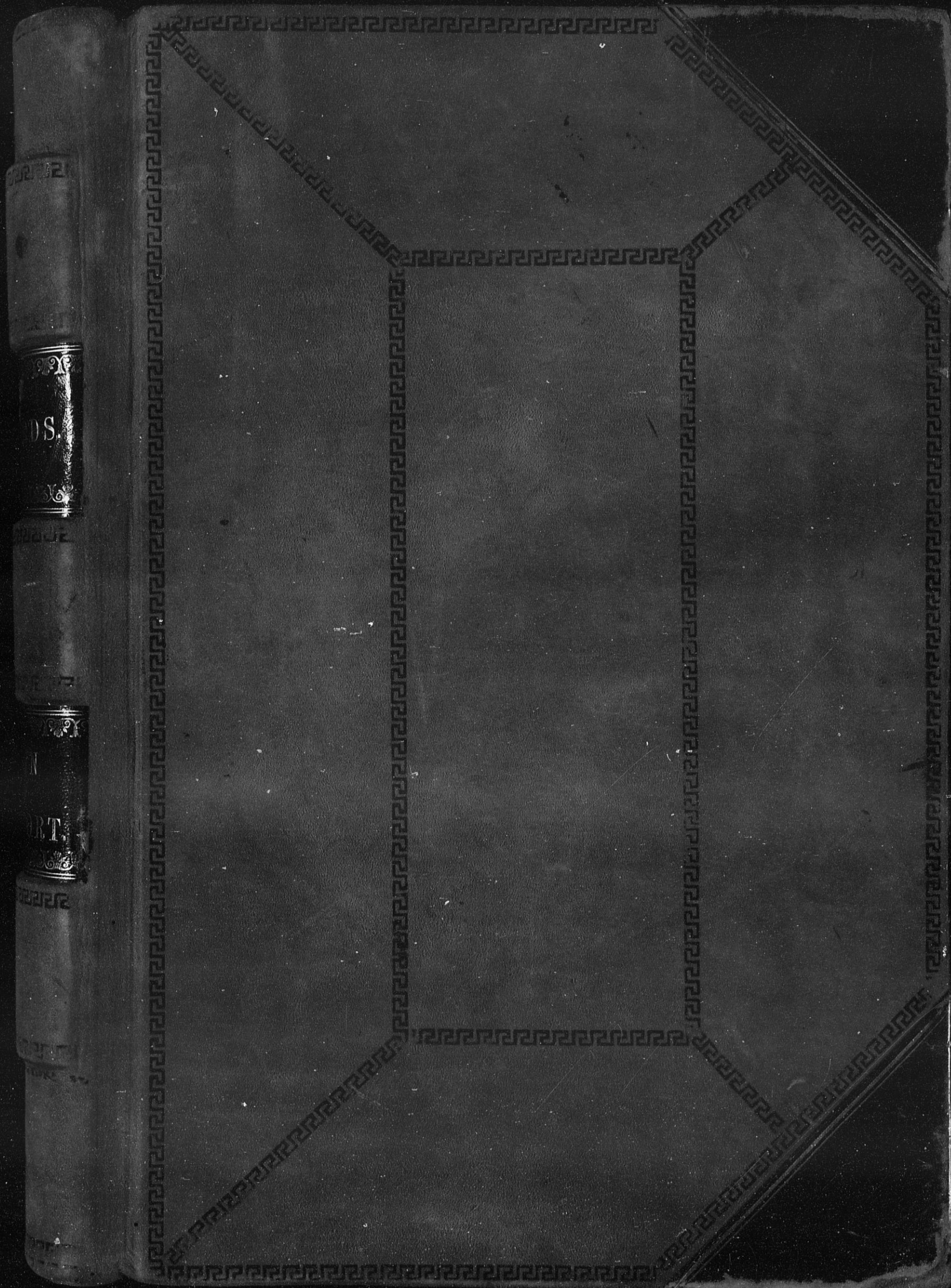


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Bristol SS To Charles F. Sherman Constable of the Town of Westport Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn 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 Ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz

- Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of an Act Entitled "An Act for the Election of Road Commissioners"
- 3d To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of an act Entitled "an act in relation to Overseers of Poor (Chap 186 acts of 1877"
- 4th To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 5th To determine what action the Town will take in reference to building the Horseneck Bridge And in recommending the Selectmen to lay out a way from Westport Point to Horseneck Beach: Also to make provisions or appropriation in regard to any expenditure in the above respect Also to determine what cooperation, if any, with outside parties its Town will adopt or arrange respecting contributions for the expense of said Bridge
- 6th To hear the reports of Town Officers and act thereon
- 7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town Charges for the year ensuing and make appropriations for the same: viz Support of Poor repairs of Highways & Bridges; Support of Schools; Liquidation of Town Debt; and for other incidental expenses; Also to determine the manner of raising such Appropriations
- 8th To determine the Location of the High School for the year ensuing
- 9th To 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 Tax payers that have not paid their Taxes on or before a specified time

- 11th To determine the Compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes. Also the compensation that shall be allowed for Labor on Highways
- 12th To see if the Town will accept the list of names of jurors prepared by the Selectmen
- 13th 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
- 14th To see if the Town will authorize the purchasing of a gravel bank, now owned by Elisabeth Haskell to be used for the repairing of Highways
- 15th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion to transfer and add to any or either department of the Town Appropriations any money that or may be in the Treasury that is not appropriated
- 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen at Board of Officers, to order Bills against the Town for and on account of their respective departments

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more Attested Copies thereof in as many Public places in said Town seven days at least before the time of said meeting

due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of said meeting

Given under our hands this Twenty First day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Eight

B. E. Brownell } Selectmen
A. H. Cory }
Charles Fisher } Westport

Westport March 21. 1878

Westport April 1st 1878

Pursuant to the within warrant I have posted up Copies thereof one at the Post Office at Westport one at the Post Office at North Westport one at the Post Office at South Westport and one at the Store of Charles H. Brownell seven days before the time of holding said meeting

Charles H. Sherman
Constable of Westport

Town House Westport. April 1. 1878
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following officers were elected and votes passed

Abraham H. Gifford was elected Moderator and Sworn

Voted Not to accept the provisions of an act entitled an act to provide for the election of Road Commissioners

Voted To accept the provisions of an act entitled an act in relation to Overseers of the Poor

Voted To elect the Overseers of the Poor in accordance with Chapter 186. acts of 1877 at our next annual election

Voted To lay article 4th on the table and take up article 5th

Voted To take a vote on the following motion by written or printed ballots Yes or No

Voted That the poll be kept open at least one hour

~~Voted~~ Moved That the Selectmen are directed to proceed to construct the Horseneck Bridge as approved by the Harbor Commissioners and for partial remuneration to the Town for its expense in building said bridge the selectmen are instructed to collect the amount subscribed on the Bridge subscription paper now before this meeting to the amount of one half of the cost of the building of said Bridge which is Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars and cause it to be paid into the treasury of the Town before the Town shall expend any money towards the building of said Bridge. If the amount collected from said subscribers exceeds one half of the cost of said Bridge the excess over one half shall be refunded to the said contributors and divided among them prorata, and that the Town direct the Selectmen to lay out a way from Westport Point to Horseneck Beach and that the Selectmen shall not proceed to contract to build said Bridge unless they can contract with responsible parties to build said the same within the amount named Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars

Yes 192

No 297

Voted To take article 4th from the table

Voted To ballot for a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, One School Committee

for three years. Four Landing Commissioners.
Three Assessors. Two Constables. Suprintendant of
Town Cemetery. Three Fence Viewers. Three Auditing
Committee all on one ballot

Voted That when this meeting does adjourn it shall
adjourn until Saturday April 6. at 10 o'clock A.M.

The following officers were elected

For Town Clerk Robert A. Lawton Affirmed

For Treasurer George H. Gifford Sworn

For Collector of Taxes John W. Howland Sworn

For Selectmen Eli P. Lawton Sworn
John W. Gifford Sworn
Christopher Borden Sworn

For Overseers of the Poor Eli P. Lawton Sworn
John W. Gifford Sworn
Christopher Borden Sworn

For Assessors Albert D. Manchester Affirmed
John W. Gifford Sworn
Albert F. King Sworn

For School Committee for three years John B. Parrie Accepted

For Fence Viewers Luther D. Bidder
Richard S. Gifford Affirmed
Jacob Cornell Affirmed

For Landing Commissioners Willard Reed
Peter C. White Sworn
David S. Mosher Affirmed
Benjamin F. Tripp Sworn

For Constables Peleg S. Borden Affirmed

For Auditing Committee Nathaniel W. Winchester
Frederic A. Chace Accepted
James A. Francis Accepted

For Supt of Town Cemetery John T. Brownell

Voted To adjourn
A true Copy Attest Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Westport April 6th 10 o'clock A.M.
Adjourned Meeting called to order by the Moderator

For Constable Richard S. Gifford Affirmed

Voted That the selectmen choose as many Surveyors of Highways
as they think necessary

Voted For Surveyors of Lumber and Masurers of Wood and Bark
Charles H. Macomber
William W. Handy
Frank S. Davis
Peleg S. Sanford Jr Sworn
William Gifford Sworn
Lewis Gilbert
Charles N. Crow Sworn
Isaac Howland Sworn
Jeremiah T. Thompson
Hervey W. Tripp Sworn
Charles H. Brownell
Charles C. Macomber
Albert F. King Sworn
Preservid Tripp Sworn
Richard S. Gifford Affirmed
Peter C. White

Voted For Sealer of weights and measures
Jeremiah T. Thompson

Voted That the salary of sealer of weights and measures be Twenty Dollars

Voted To elect twenty Field Drivers
Christopher Borden Sworn William Valentine
Eli P. Lawton Gehial Baker
John W. Gifford Robert P. Tripp Sworn
Henry A. Devol Sworn Jonathan Pierce Sworn
Abraham B. Gifford Peter C. White
John T. Brownell Henry Simons
George F. Pierce Sworn William O. Brine Affirmed
George H. Brownell William H. Sabins Sworn
Charles Fisher Alexander H. Cory
John A. Macomber Charles H. Borden Sworn

Voted For Pound Keepers
Robert F. Macomber Affirmed Eli P. Lawton
Humphrey H. Wordell Rufus E. Wordell
John F. White Affirmed John O. Babbit
Joseph C. Little

Voted To accept of the report of Landing Commissioners

- Voted To accept of the report of Suprintendant of Town Cemetery
- Voted That the money in the Town Treasury, or may be received during the year on account of the Town Cemetery be expended on the Cemetery by order of the Selectmen
- Voted To accept of the report of the Auditing Committee
- Voted To accept of the report of Overseers of the Poor
- Voted To appropriate Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of Paupers
- Voted To appropriate Four Thousand Dollars for Highways & Bridges
- Voted To appropriate Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for support of public Schools
- Voted To instruct the School Committee to hire a Teacher for the High School for the lowest possible sum
- Voted To appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for liquidation of Town Debt
- Voted To appropriate Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars for payment of Town Officers and Committees
- Voted To appropriate Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars for repairs of School Houses and Lots
- Voted That the School Committee be instructed to hang Window blinds where they were they were made to belong
- Voted To appropriate Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the payment of Incidentals
- Voted To grant and raise Fourteen Thousand Dollars to be raised by Taxation
- Voted That the the High School be held at Westport Point in the summer and at Head of Westport in the winter
- Voted To allow no discount for the prompt payment of Taxes
- Voted That all Taxes not paid by the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November interest shall be added at the rate of eight per cent per annum
- Voted That the compensation of Treasurer be one third of one per cent on all payments from the Treasury

- Voted That the compensation of Collector of Taxes be one per cent on all Taxes collected and paid into the Treasury
- Voted That the compensation of Surveyors of Highways be 17½c per hour
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| " | " | " | " | pair of Horses | " | " | 17½ | " | " |
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| " | " | " | " | one Horse | " | " | 10 | " | " |
- Voted That two thirds of the money assigned to Surveyors of Highways be expended before the First Monday of July
- Voted That the list of jurors be accepted as ammended
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| Akin George C. | Gzinell Oliver C. |
| Allen John | Gifford John W. |
| Alm Zelotes L. | Gifford Richard S. |
| Allen Abraham S. | Kidder Luther D. |
| Anthony Gardner S. | Kirby Charles E. |
| Allen John M. | Lawton George S. |
| Brownell Charles H. | Learny James |
| Borden Charles W. | Macomber Philander W. |
| Brightman Alden W. | Macomber Robert F. |
| Brownell Horatio L. | Macomber John A 2d |
| Borden Charles R. | Palmer William D. |
| Booth Square S. | Potter David R. |
| Cornell Godfrey Jr | Sisson John R. |
| Chace Charles W. | Sherman Albert S. |
| Cornell Oliver | Tripp Wilber D. |
| Cornell John A. | Tripp Orlando J. |
| Chace Elbridge S. | Tripp Pardon A. |
| Davis Walter S. | Tripp Albert E. |
| Devol Samuel B. | Whalon Daniel |
| Davis John A. | Wing Frederic A. |
| Davis Henry E. | Wainer Cyranus |
| Devol Henry S. | Wordell Joshua N. |
| Earl Isaac D. | |
- Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to renew certain notes held against the Town and to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax and that all notes be countersigned by the Selectmen

- Voted That the 14th article in the warrant be indefinitely postponed
- Voted That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized at their discretion to transfer to unappropriated money from State Aid acct: also to transfer from unappropriated money to any other account at their discretion
- Voted That the officers of the Town have the right to order the bills in their several departments
- Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to establish as many Pounds as are necessary
- Voted That the Moderator have Five Dollars for his services as Moderator
- Voted To adjourn

A true record Attest

Robert A. Lawton
Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. April 9. 1878.

Then personally appeared Jeremiah T. Thompson and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of a Surveyor of Lumber & Measurer of wood & Bark in Town of Westport for the current year

before me

Geo. H. Gifford
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton
Town Clerk

State of Massachusetts } ss City of Fall River
County of Bristol } April 13. 1878

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber of Westport, County and State aforesaid and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Surveyor of Lumber and Measurer of Wood and Bark to which office he had been officially declared chosen

Before me

Henry H. Carl
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton
Town Clerk

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Before me

Henry H. Carl
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton, Town Clerk

Town of Westport.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport,
G. H. & E. F. N. G.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required forthwith to warn the inhabitants of Westport, qualified as the law directs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town on the Tuesday next after the First Monday in November, it being the Fifth day of said month, at Ten O'clock A.M., then and there to bring in to the Selectmen of said Town, their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and an Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Councillor for Council District No 1, a Representative to Congress from District No 1, a Senator from the Third Bristol District, a County Commissioner and a Register of Probate and Insolvency for Bristol County. All on one ballot. Also one Representative to the next General Court from Representative District No Seven in the County of Bristol, on a separate ballot. The Polls may be closed at 2 o'clock P.M. Hereof Fail Not, and have you then and there this warrant, with your doing thereon, given under our hands this Twenty Second day of October A.D. 1878.

Edw. P. Lawton } Selectmen
John W. Gifford }
Christopher Borden } Westport

Bristol, S.S. Westport October 31st 1878
I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies. One at the store of Charles H. Macomber one at the store of Albert F. King one at the store of Anthony & Macomber, and one at the store of Charles H. Brownell seven days before said meeting
Eleg. S. Borden Constable of Westport

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol held on the fifth day of November A.D. 1878. Agreeable to the foregoing warrant and for the purposes therein named. Votes for the following named persons were given in assorted and counted and declaration thereof made in open Town Meeting by the Selectmen

Voted To use one ballot box for State and County Officers in one ballot box for Representative to General Court

For Governor

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Two Hundred Fifty Six
Benjamin W. Butler of Lowell " Forty Five
Alonzo A. Miner of Boston " Thirty Six
Josiah E. Abbott of Boston " Nine
George H. Taber of Fairhaven " Four

For Lieutenant Governor

John D. Long of Hingham had Two Hundred Fifty Nine
John F. Arnold of North Adams " Thirty Nine
George C. Ewing of Holyoke " Thirty Six
William K. Plunkett of Pittsfield " Thirteen

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had Two Hundred Fifty Nine
Weston Howland of Fairhaven " Thirty Eight
David B. Gurney of South Abington " Thirty Six
Henry C. Ewing of Holyoke " Thirteen

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Charles Endicott of Canton had Two Hundred Fifty Nine
John W. Jennings of New Bedford " Thirty Eight
David N. Skillings of Winchester " Forty Nine

For Auditor of Accounts

Julius L. Clark of Newton had Two Hundred Fifty Nine
David A. King of Boston " Thirty Eight
Jonathan W. Crane of Marblehead " Thirty Six
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston " Thirteen

For Attorney General

George Marston of New Bedford had Two Hundred Fifty Nine
William D. Northend of Salem " Thirty Eight
Orin T. Gray of Hyde Park " Thirty Six
Richard Olney of Boston " Thirteen

For Representative to Congress District No One

William W. Crooks of New Bedford had Two Hundred Fifty Nine

Matthias Ellis of Carver had Fifty One
Rodney French of New Bedford " Thirty Five

For Councillor District No One

John S. Brayton of Fall River had Two Hundred Fifty Seven
Syvanus B. Whisney of Barnstable " Fifty One
Nehemiah P. Baker of Falmouth " Thirty Six

For Senator Third Bristol District

Rosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had Two Hundred Fifty Eight
James C. Stafford of New Bedford " Fifty One
Joseph W. Cornell of New Bedford " Thirty Six

For County Commisiner

Henry A. Thayer of Taunton had Two Hundred Fifty Eight
Elisha T. Jackson of Taunton " Fifty One
Joseph B. Macomber of Taunton " Thirty Five

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

William E. Fuller of Taunton had Two Hundred Fifty Nine
Samuel T. Wilcox of New Bedford " Fifty One
William K. Peirce of Fall River " Thirty Five

For Representative to General Court 7th Bristol District

William Penn. Macomber of Westport had Two Hundred Eight
John B. Parris of Westport " One Hundred Fifty Five

A true Record

Attest Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport composing Representative District No Seven in Bristol County do hereby certify that according to the certified transcripts of the Records of Said Towns it appears that the names of all persons for whom votes were given in for a Representative from Said District and the number of votes for each were as follows namely

Whole number of Ballots cast was Seven Hundred and Six
William Penn. Macomber of Westport had Four Hundred Thirty Eight (438) and is elected (268)
John B. Parris of Westport had Two Hundred Sixty Eight

Geo. F. Howland) Clerk of Dartmouth

Robert A. Lawton) Clerk of Westport

The above is a true copy of certificate
Attest Robert A. Lawton

Town Clerk

Westport Dec 9th 1878

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be destroyed by fire (without examination or permitting them to be examined by any person whatever) the ballots cast at the election of Nov 5th 1878

Attest

Robert A. Lawton
Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. To Releg S. Borden, Constable of the Town of Westport Greeting.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn 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 Seventh Day of April Next, At Ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of an act entitled An Act for the election of Road Commissioners

3d To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of an act entitled An Act in relation to Election of Selectmen and Assessors, Chap. 255, Acts of 1878.

4th To choose all necessary Town Officers, to serve during their terms by which they are elected

5th To hear the reports of Town Officers and act thereon.

6th To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing a code of by-laws for the better protection and control of the Town Cemetery: and also any other action that may be deemed expedient in relation to said Cemetery

7th To see if the Town, by its vote, will cause a receiving tomb to be located and constructed in Town Cemetery

8th To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a gravel bank now owned by Elizabeth Haskell to be used for the repairing of highways

9th To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing the Town Landing at or near Hicks Bridge, (so called) agreeable to a petition by George F. Wood and others.

10th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same, viz: Support of poor, Repairs of Highways and Bridges, Support of Schools, State Aid, Liquidation of Town Debt, and for other incidental expences; also, to determine the manner of raising such appropriations.

11th To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.

12th To determine what inducement the Town will offer by way of discount for the prompt payment of Taxes, and fix the time during which discount may be allowed and paid.

13th To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from taxpayers that have not paid their Taxes on or before a specified time.

14th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer; also the compensation that shall be allowed the Collector of Taxes.

15th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed
For labor performed by Surveyors of Highways, per day or hour
For labor performed by common laborers on highways per day or hour
For labor performed by one pair of horses on highways per day or hour
For labor performed by one horse on highways per day or hour
For labor performed by one pair of oxen on highways per day or hour
For use of cart on highways per day or hour
For use of plough on highways per day or hour
For use of scraper on highways per day or hour
For use of stone digger on highways per day or hour

16th To see if the Town will accept the list of furors prepared by the Selectmen.

17th 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

18th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion to transfer and add to any or either department of the Town appropriations, any money that may be in the Treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.

Art 19th To see if the Town will authorize the Boards of Officers to order bills against the Town for and on account of their respective departments.

20th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Dealer of Weights and Measures.

21st The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Fence Viewers, Constables, Landing Commissioners, and Auditing Committee, all to be voted for on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many 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 at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-second day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy nine.

Eli S. Lawton
John W. Gifford
Christopher Borden

Selectmen
of
Westport

Bristol S.S. Westport April 7th 1879.
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have posted up copies thereof, One at the Post Office at Head of Westport one at the Post Office North Westport one at the Store of Albert F. King and One at the Store of Charles K. Brownell 7 days before the time of holding said Meeting.

Peleg S. Borden

Constable
of
Westport

Town House Westport April 7th 1879.
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following officers were elected and votes passed.

Meeting called to order and warrant read by the Clerk

For Moderator Albert D. Manchester Affirmed

Voted That Article 2nd be indefinitely postponed

Voted Not to accept of Article 3d

Voted To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector, three Selectmen three Overseers of Poor, three Assessors, one School Committee for three years, three Fence Viewers, four Landing Commissioners one Superintendant of Town Cemetery, three Constables, three Auditing Committee.

For Town Clerk Robert A. Lawton Affirmed

For Selectmen Giles E. Brownell
John W. Gifford Sworn
Albert D. Manchester Affirmed

For Overseer of the Poor John W. Gifford for 3 years Sworn

For Treasurer John A. Macomber 2d

For Collector John W. Howland Sworn

For Assessors John W. Gifford Sworn
Albert F. King Sworn
Albert D. Manchester

For Landing Commissioners
Benjamin F. Tripp Sworn
Willard Reed Sworn
David E. Mosher Sworn

For Constables Peleg S. Borden Sworn
Albert F. King

For Auditing Committee James A. Francis
Nathaniel W. Winchester

Voted That when this meeting does adjourn it be to Saturday next at 10 o'clock A.M.

Voted That the vacancies of Town Officers be filled at the adjourned meeting

Voted To proceed to elect Town Officers not required to be elected by ballot

Voted To elect twenty Surveyors of Highways

Voted To reconsider the vote to elect twenty Surveyors.

Voted That the Selectmen choose as many Surveyors of Highways as they think necessary and fix the limits

For Sealer of Weights & Measures
Preservid Tripp Sworn

Voted To elect sixteen Surveyors of Wood Lumber & Bark

For Surveyors of Wood Lumber & Bark
Charles H. Macomber Sworn Jeremiah T. Thompson
William W. Gandy Charles H. Brownell Sworn & Tripp
Frank S. Davis Charles E. Macomber Sworn
Releg S. Sanford Jr. Affirmed Albert F. King Sworn
William H. Gifford Sworn Preservid Tripp Sworn
Louis Gilbert Richard S. Gifford Sworn
Charles A. Crow Sworn Isaac D. Earl
Isaac Howland Sworn Philander K. Brightman Affirmed

Voted To elect five Field Drivers

For Field Drivers
William O. Brien Sworn Robert F. Macomber
Robert P. Tripp Sworn Abraham O. Borden Affirmed
Sylvester C. Manly Sworn Abrah D. Macomber

Voted To add five to the list of Field Drivers

For Field Drivers Eli P. Lawton
Christopher Borden Jr Jonathan Pierce Jr
Charles W. Borden Sworn Timothy Coppinger Sworn

Voted That we have three Pound Keepers

Voted To add one to the list of Pound Keepers

For Pound Keepers
Robert F. Macomber Sworn Charles H. Allen Sworn
John F. White Sworn Robert P. Tripp Sworn

Voted To add one to the list of Pound Keepers

For Pound Keeper Humphrey H. Wordell

Voted That the report of Landing Commissioners be accepted and placed on file

Voted To accept the Auditors report and it be placed on file

Voted To accept the report of Overseers of Poor and it be placed on file

Voted To appoint a Committee to draft a code of by-laws for Town Cemetery and to report at the Adjourned meeting

Voted To choose a Committee of three via Eli P. Lawton
Isaac Howland Jacob G. Anthony

Voted That a name for said Cemetery be reported and accepted by the Town

Voted That a form of deed for said Cemetery be reported at the adjourned meeting

Voted That the matter of a lot on which a body is buried be referred to the committee to report at the adjourned meeting

Voted That Article seventh be laid on the table until the adjourned meeting

Voted That the matter of purchasing a gravel bank of Elizabeth Haskell be at the discretion of the Selectmen

Voted That Article ninth be left to a committee of three to report at the adjourned meeting

Willard Reed, Benjamin F. Tripp & David S. Mosher were chosen for said Committee on Town Landing at Hicks Bridge

Voted To appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for support of Paupers

Voted To appropriate Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for Highways and Bridges

Voted To appropriate Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for Support of Schools

Voted To appropriate Fifty Dollars for State Aid

Voted To appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for Liquidation of Town debt including interest

Voted To appropriate Three Hundred Fifty Dollars for repairs of School Houses and Lots

Voted To appropriate Seven Hundred Dollars for payment of Town Officers and Committees

Voted To appropriate Four Hundred Fifty Dollars for Incidental Expenses

Voted That the remainder of Article tenth be laid on the table

- Voted That the location of High School for Summer term shall be at Head of Westport Winter term at Westport Point
- Voted To allow no discount for prompt payment of Taxes
- Voted That on all taxes unpaid after November eleventh interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum shall be added
- Voted That the compensation of Treasurer be one third of one per cent on all payments from the Treasury
- Voted That the compensation of Collector of Taxes be three fourths of one per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury
- Voted That the compensation of Surveyors Highways be \$1.50 per day
 " " " " "Common laborer on " " \$1.25 per day
 " " " " "one pair of Horses " " \$1.75 " "
 " " " " "one Horse " " 88c " "
 " " " " "one pair of Oxen " " \$1.75 " "
 " " " " "for use of Cart " " .25c " "
 " " " " "Plough 5c per hour when in actual use
 " " " " "Scraper 5c per hour when in actual use
 " " " " "Stone Digger 20c per hour when in actual use
- Voted To accept of list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen
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| Akin George C. | Gifford Richard S. |
| Akin Daniel B. | Gifford Jonathan |
| Allen Abraham G. | Gifford Edmund L. |
| Adams John H. | King Albert F. |
| Anthony Sidney W. | Kirby Abner B. |
| Borden Charles W. | Lawton George S. |
| Borden Stephen H. | Lawton George F. |
| Brightman Rufus W. | Little Joseph C. |
| Bradley William E. | Macomber Robert F. |
| Brayton Thomas | Macomber Alvah D. |
| Chace Charles W. | Manchester Faber |
| Cornell John A. | Palmer William D. |
| Cottle Robert H. | Potter Isaac |
| Devol Samuel B. | Potter David H. |
| Davis John A. | Russell Charles F. |
| Davis Henry E. | Sherman Charles L. |
| Dyer Canaan B. | Sisson Frank C. |
| Earl Isaac D. | |
| Francis James A. | |

Tripp Pardon A.
 Tripp Cyrus W.

Wordell Joseph R.
 Winchester Nathaniel W.

- Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to renew certain notes held against the Town and to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax
- Voted That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized at their discretion to transfer from unappropriated money to any other account
- Voted To authorize the Boards of Officers to order bills against the Town for and on account of their respective departments
- Voted That the compensation of Dealer of Weights and Measures be a Salary of Twenty Dollars.
- Voted To adjourn until Saturday 10th inst at 10 o'clock A.M.

A true record Attest

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Bristol S.S.

April 9th 1879

Then personally appeared John A. Macomber 24
 Chosen Treasurer of the Town of Westport and affirmed
 that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the
 duties of that office

Before me

Charles Fisher Justice of the Peace

Bristol S.S.

April 9th 1879

Then personally appeared Giles C. Brownell
 Chosen one of the Selectmen of the Town of Westport and
 affirmed that he would faithfully and impartially
 discharge the duties of that office

Before me

Charles Fisher

Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton

Town Clerk

Westport. Town House April 12th 11 o'clock 1879
Adjourned meeting called to order by the Moderator
the following Officers were elected and votes passed

Voted To proceed to ballot to fill vacancies of Town Officers

Voted That the polls be closed at one o'clock

For Overseers of the Poor Giles E. Brownell ^{for} 2 years Sworn
Albert D. Manchester for 1 year Affirmed

Albert D. Manchester having positively declined serving as
Assessor Horatio H. Brownell was chosen in his stead

For School Committee John A. Macomber 2d for 3 years Accepted

For Constable Samuel H. Macomber Affirmed

For Superintendent of Town Cemetery
Joseph T. Sawton Sworn

For Fence Viewers Daniel M. Sanford Sworn
Samuel A. Sisson Sworn
Godfrey Cornell fr

For Auditing Committee Isaac D. Earl Accepted

For Landing Commissioner Charles Wing Sworn

The Committee appointed to draft a set of by-laws to govern
the Town Cemetery make their report

Voted That each article of the Committee's ^{report} be acted ^{upon} separately

Voted That the name shall be Beech Grove Cemetery

Voted To accept article 1st

Voted To accept article 2nd

Voted To accept article 3rd

Voted To accept article 4th

Voted That it shall be left with the Selectmen who shall
have credit for six months for lots in said Cemetery

Voted To accept article 5th

Voted To accept article 6th

Voted That the code of by-laws accepted be adopted

By Laws of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Article 1st The Selectmen shall constitute a Board of Government
and said Board of Government shall have the
general management, superintendence and
care of the cemetery and shall make a
report of their doings to the town at the annual
meeting in April of each succeeding year.

Article 2nd All rules and regulations made by the Board of
Government in the exercise of their duties, shall
be submitted to the Town for their approval, at a
meeting legally called for that purpose. But shall
take effect at the time of their adoption by the
Board of Government.

Article 3d All deeds of conveyance shall be signed by
the Selectmen and countersigned by the
Treasurer, and recorded, by the Town Clerk, in
a Book kept for that purpose. The Town Clerk
shall receive for each deed so recorded a fee
of Twenty five cents of the purchaser. that in no
case shall the proprietor sell or transfer said
lot, unless such transfer is approved by the Board
of Government, or a major part of them; and
the Town Clerk shall make an entry of such
transfer and approval in the Book of records of
Beech Grove Cemetery

Article 4th The town shall elect, by ballot, one Superinten-
dent each year at the annual meeting in April.
He shall be called the Superintendent of Beech
Grove Cemetery, who subject to the direction
and control of the selectmen, shall execute all
such by-laws and regulations as may be
adopted from time to time in relation to said
cemetery. It shall be the duty of the Superint-
endent to have a general oversight of the
Cemetery to keep the walls in good repair and
the gates sufficiently secured by bolts or other
fastenings and to see that the lots and grounds
generally are properly cared for.

Article 5th That the proprietor of said lot shall have the
right to inclose the same with a fence or curbing
such as shall be approved by the board of government.
That said lot of land shall be used for no other purpose
than a burial place for the dead. That the proprietor
of said lot shall have the right to erect Stones,
Monuments, or Sepulchral Structures,

and to cultivate trees, shrubs, and plants in the same. That if any trees or shrubs situated in said lot of land, shall by means of their roots, branches, or otherwise become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous or inconvenient to pass-engers, it shall be the duty of the said Board of Government, or a major part of them for the time being, and they shall have the right to enter into the said lot and remove the said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof as are detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.

That if any Monument or Effigy or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon said land, which shall be determined by a major part of said Board of Government for the time being, to be offensive or improper, the said Board of Government or a major part of them, shall have the right and it shall be their duty to enter upon said land and remove the said offensive or improper objects or object.

That no tree or shrub standing without the lot of any proprietor shall be trimmed, cut down or destroyed, without the consent of the Board of Government.

Article 6th The Selectmen or Board of Government at their discretion may give permission to buy and give a deed of said lot any time within Six months from time of purchase upon the payment of the appraised value.

Voted To take article 7th from the table

Voted That the Selectmen proceed to cause to be erected a receiving Tomb to be located on Beech Grove Cemetery and advertize for proposals to build said Tomb and to give the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Voted That said Tomb be constructed by the first of November

Voted That the 7th article be indefinitely postponed

Voted To accept the report of Committee on landing at Hixes Bridge and it be placed on file

Voted To reconsider the vote whereby we raised Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for Highways and Bridges

Voted To appropriate Four Thousand Dollars for support of Highways and Bridges

Voted To take article 10th from the table

Voted To grant and raise by taxation upon the residents and non-resident property holders Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars

Voted To reconsider the vote to give the Collector three fourths of one per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury

Voted That the compensation of Collector of Taxes be one per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury

Voted To pay the Moderator Five Dollars for his services

Voted To adjourn without day

A true record

Attest Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

I Horatio H. Brownell being chosen an assessor for the Town of Westport for the year ensuing do swear that I will impartially according to my best skill and judgment assess and apportion all such taxes as are during that time directed to assess and that I will faithfully discharge all other duties of said office

Horatio H. Brownell

Bristol S.S.
Corn. Mass.

Westport April 17th 1879

Then personally appeared the above named Horatio H. Brownell and made oath that the above subscribed by him is true before me

Wm Valentine
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Bristol S.S.

April 21st 1879

Robert T. Macomber, Jonathan Pierce, Joshua N. Wordell, and Wm C. T. Jefford, having been appointed surveyors of highways personally appeared and made oath that they will faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Before me

Isaac Howland

Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Bristol S.S.

May 6th 1879

Jacob Cornell, Pardon G. Pelley, Philander W. Macomber and George S. Lawton, having been appointed Surveyors of Highways personally appeared and made Oath that they will faithfully perform the duties of said office

Before me

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. Westport May 3rd 1879

Then personally appeared Godfrey Cornell for who was appointed one of the Surveyors of Highways for the Town of Westport for the year ensuing and made Oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office

Before me

Stephen A. Brownell Justice of the Peace

Bristol S.S. Westport May 3rd 1879

Then personally appeared Godfrey Cornell for who was chosen one of the Fence Viewers of the Town of Westport for the year ensuing and made Oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office

Before me

Stephen A. Brownell Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

State of Massachusetts County of Bristol S.S.:

April 14, 1879 Then personally appeared Humphrey H. Wordell who has been chosen a Pound Keeper for the town of Westport in said County for the present year and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the trust.

Before me

B T Winslow, Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Bristol S.S.

To Samuel H. Macomber Constable of the Town of Westport: Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified to vote 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, to act on the following articles viz:

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

" 2nd To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the construction of a receiving Tomb in Beech Grove Cemetery and determine the manner of raising such an appropriation.

" 3^d To see if the Town will authorize the construction of a wharf at Wick's Bridge agreeable to report of a Committee accepted at the last annual Meeting and make an appropriation for the same, and determine the manner of raising such appropriation.

" 4th To see what action the Town will take in relation to the collection of a bill filed with the executor of the estate of Leonard Brightman.

" 5th To see what action the Town will take, in relation to a suit brought by Andrew Hicks against the Town of Westport.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Four or more attested Copies thereof in as many public places in said Town, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

Hereto 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 Twenty Sixth day of April Eighteen Hundred and Seventy nine.

Giles E. Brownell } Selectmen

Albert D. Manchester } Westport

I have served this Warrant by posting four attested Copies in as many public places more than seven days before said meeting, viz. One at the Store of Alexander H. Cory one at the Store of Charles H. Brownell, one at the Store of Edward E. Gifford, one at the Store of Anthony & Macomber.

Samuel H. Macomber } Constable
of Westport

Town House Westport May 10th 1879

Agreeable with the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following votes were passed

Moderator Albert D. Manchester Affirmed

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to loan not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for building a receiving Tomb in Beech Grove Cemetery

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to petition the Harbor Commissioners for authority to build a wharf at Hicks Bridge and issue proposals for constructing the same

Voted That when the wharf is constructed to the satisfaction of the Selectmen that they loan not to exceed Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars for payment of the same
Yeas Forty Nays Eighteen

Voted That Article 4th be left to the discretion of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted That John W. Gifford be a special Agent of the Town to defend the suit brought against the Town by Andrew Hicks

Voted To adjourn

A true record Attest

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol & Greeting

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 Town on Tuesday Fifteenth Instant at 2 O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside in sd Meeting

2^d. To see what action the Town will take in relation to a hearing before the County Commissioners on Thursday Sept. 18th 1879 in relation to the laying out of a proposed new road in Acowset.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Attested Copies thereof in four or more public places in sd Town, seven days at least before the time of holding sd Meeting.

Whereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of sd meeting.

Given under our hands this Eighth day of September in the year 1879.

E. E. Brownell } Selectmen
J. W. Gifford }
A. D. Manchester } Westport

Central Village Sep 15th 1879.

I have served this warrant by posting up four attested copies in as many public places, One at the Store of A. H. Cory, One at the Store of C. H. Brownell, One at the Store of E. E. Gifford, One at the Store of Macomber & Anthony, seven days before said meeting.

S. H. Macomber
Constable of the Town of Westport.

Town House Westport September 16th 1879

Agreeable with the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following votes were passed

Meeting called to order and warrant read by the Clerk

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator, but declined serving.

John W. Gifford was elected Moderator and sworn

Voted That the Town remonstrate against laying out a Highway

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to remonstrate before the County Commissioners.

Voted That the Selectmen be the Committee.

Voted That the committee be instructed to appear before the County Commissioners, at said hearing, and to offer such reason, or reasons, why said road should not be laid out and constructed, as may appear to them justifiable, and for the best interest of the Town.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record Attest

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk

(Bristol S. C.)

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
You are hereby required forthwith to warn the Inhabitants of Westport qualified as the Law directs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, it being the Fourth day of said month, at Ten O'clock A. M., then and there to bring in to the Selectmen of said Town, their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and an Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Councilor for Council District No. 1, a Senator for the Third Bristol District, a District Attorney for the Southern District to fill a vacancy now existing in said District, County Treasurer, a County Commissioner for Bristol County, and a Register of Deeds for Southern District, all on one Ballot. Also one Representative to the next General Court from District No. Seven in Bristol County, on a separate Ballot. The Polls will be open until Two O'clock P. M.

Hereof fail not, and have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this
Twenty fifth day of October A. D. 1879

E. C. Brownell } Selectmen
J. W. Gifford }
A. D. Manchester } Westport

Central Village Oct 27th 1879.

I have served this Warrant by posting up four attested Copies in the following public places as the Law directs One at the store of A. H. Cory, one at the store of E. C. Gifford one at the store of Macomber & Anthony one at the store of E. C. Brownell.

S. H. Macomber
Constable of the Town of Westport.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westport in the County of Bristol held on the fourth day of November A. D. 1879, Agreeable to the foregoing warrant and for the purposes therein named, votes for the following named persons were given in assorted and counted and public declaration thereof made in open Town meeting by the Selectmen

For Governor whole number of votes 311
John O. Long of Bingham had Two Hundred Thirty Seven votes
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had Forty Four votes
Daniel C. Eddy of Hyde Park had Twenty Five votes
George H. Taber of Fairhaven had Five votes

For Lieutenant Governor whole number of votes 311
Byron Weston of Dalton had Two Hundred Forty Four votes
Timothy H. Earle of Worcester had Twenty Five votes
Albert C. Woodworth of Chicopee had Forty Two votes

For Secretary of the Commonwealth whole number of votes 311
Henry B. Peirce of Abington had Two Hundred Forty Four votes
Charles Almy of New Bedford had Twenty Five votes
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had Forty Two votes

For Treasurer and Receiver General whole number of votes 311
Charles Endicott of Canton had Two Hundred Sixty Nine votes
David N. Skillings of Winchester had Forty Two votes

For Attorney General whole number of votes 310
George Marston of New Bedford had Two Hundred Forty Three votes
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden had Twenty Five votes
William D. Northend of Salem had Forty Two votes

For Auditor whole number of Votes 311
 Charles K. Ladd of Springfield had Two Hundred Forty Four
 Jonathan H. Crane of Marblehead had Twenty Five Votes
 Davis J. King of Boston had Forty Two Votes

For Councillor First District whole number of Votes 311
 John S. Brayton of Fall River had Two Hundred Forty Three
 Nehemiah H. Barker of Falmouth had Twenty Six Votes
 Weston Howland of Fairhaven had Forty Two Votes

For District Attorney Southern District whole number of Votes ³¹⁸
 Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had Three Hundred Eight Votes

For County Commissioner whole number of Votes 293
 Willey E. Ferry of New Bedford had One Hundred Thirty Three
 William Barker Jr of Dartmouth had One Hundred Fifty Two Votes
 James C. McKennedy of New Bedford had Eight Votes

For County Treasurer whole number of Votes 310
 George T. Pratt of Taunton had Three Hundred Ten Votes

For Register of Deeds Southern District whole number of Votes 310
 Charles C. Sayer of New Bedford had Three Hundred Ten Votes

For Senator Third Bristol District whole number of Votes 294
 George B. Richmond of New Bedford Two Hundred Four Votes
 Joseph C. Little of Westport had Ninety Votes

For Representative Seventh Bristol District whole number of Votes 304
 Henry A. Hlocum of Dartmouth had One Hundred Eighty Five Votes
 Isaac P. Wilbur of Dartmouth had One Hundred Nineteen Votes

Voted To Adjourn

A true record. Attest.

Robert A. Lawton. Town Clerk

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport, composing Representative District No Seven in Bristol Co do hereby certify that according to the certified transcripts of the Records of said Towns it appears that the names of all persons for whom votes were given in for a Representative from said District and the number of votes for each were as follows namely:
 Whole number of Ballots cast was Six Hundred Sixty Eight (668)
 Henry A. Hlocum of Dartmouth had Three Hundred Thirty Seven votes and is elected,
 Isaac P. Wilbur of Dartmouth had Three Hundred Thirty One votes

George F. Howland Town Clerk of Dartmouth

Robert A. Lawton Town Clerk of Westport

A true copy of certificate

Attest. Robert A. Lawton
 Town Clerk

Westport Dec 12th 1879

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be destroyed by fire (without examination or permitting them to be examined by any person whatever) the ballots cast at the election of Nov 4. 1879

Attest

Robert A. Lawton, Town Clerk

Bristol, S. S. To either of the Constables of the town of Westport: Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn 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 Fifth Day of April Next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see if the town will accept of the provisions of an act entitled an Act for the election of Road Commissioners.

3d To see if the town will accept of the provisions of an act entitled, An Act in relation to Election of Selectmen and Assessors Chap. 255, Acts of 1878.

4th To choose all necessary town officers, to serve during their terms by which they are elected.

5th To hear the reports of town officers and act thereon.

6th To see what action the town will take in relation to the building of a new road in Acoset, as ordered by the County Commissioners.

7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same viz: Support of poor, repairs of highways and bridges, support of schools, State Aid, liquidation of town debt, and for other incidental expenses; also to determine the manner of raising such appropriations.

- 8th To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.
- 9th To determine what inducement the town will offer by way of discount for the 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 tax payers that have not paid their taxes on or before a specified time.
- 11th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and Sealer of Weights and Measures.
- 12th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed per day or hour for labor, &c., on highways viz: For Surveyors, common laborers, one pair horses, one horse, one pair oxen, use of cart, plough, scraper and stone digger.
- 13th To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.
- 14th 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.
- 15th To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion to transfer and add to any or either department of the town appropriations, any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.
- 16th To see if the town will authorize the boards of officers to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- 17th The Town Clerk, Selectman, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Fence Viewers, Constables, Landing Commissioners and Auditing Committee, all to be voted for on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Whereof 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 twenty-third day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty.

Giles E. Brownell } Selectmen
John W. Gifford }
Albert D. Manchester } Westport.

Westport March, 26th 1880.

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies in the following public places seven days before time of said meeting.

1 at Macomber & Anthony's Store, 1 at Trafford & Lewis Store
1 " Charles Macomber's " 1 " Albert Kings " "
1 " George C. Tripps Store. S. W. Macomber Constable
of the Town of Westport.

Town House Westport, April 5, 1880. 10 o'clock A. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the People legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following Officers were elected and votes passed.
Meeting called to order and warrant read by the clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was elected Moderator and affirmed.

Voted. To indefinitely postpone Article 2nd.

Voted Not to accept of the provisions of Chap. 255 Acts of 1878.

Voted That the polls may be closed at two o'clock P. M.

Voted To add one Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery to the list of Officers to be elected by ballot.

Voted To elect 1 Town Clerk 3 Selectmen, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 3 Assessors, 1 Treasurer, 1 Collector, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers, 4 Landing Commissioners, 4 Constables, 3 Auditing Committee, 1 Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.
The following were elected.

For Town Clerk John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed.

For Selectmen Giles E. Brownell Sworn
Albert D. Manchester Sworn
Harvey W. Kirby Sworn.

For Overseer of the Poor for 3 years Albert D. Manchester Sworn.

For Treasurer John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed.

For Collector of Taxes Alanson C. Brownell Sworn

For Assessors Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Affirmed.
Albert D. Manchester Affirmed.
Horatio H. Brownell Sworn

For School Committee for 3 years Charles Fisher Accepted

For Constables Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.
Samuel H. Macomber Affirmed.
John M. Allen Sworn.
Peleg S. Borden Sworn

For Landing Commissioners Benjamin F. Tripp Sworn.
Willard Reed Sworn
Charles Wing Sworn
Cornelius J. Allen Sworn.

For Fence Viewers. Godfrey Cornell Jr.
Samuel A. Lissom Sworn.
Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.

For Auditing Committee. James A. Francis Accepted.
George D. Earl Accepted.
Christopher Borden Accepted.

For Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery. Joseph T. Lawton Sworn.

Voted That when we do adjourn it be to Saturday April 17th at 10 o'clock A.M.

Voted That we proceed to elect the remainder of Town Officers.

Voted That the Selectmen appoint as many surveyors of highways as they deem best.

Voted That Preserved Tripp^{Sworn} be sealer of weights and measures.

Voted To elect 16 surveyors of Lumber & Measurer of Wood and Bark as follows.

Charles H. Macomber	Jeremiah J. Thomson
William W. Handy	George E. Tripp
Frank S. Davis	Charles E. Macomber
Releg S. Sanford Jr. Affirmed.	Albert F. King Sworn.
William H. Gifford Sworn.	Preserved Tripp Sworn.
Lewis Gilbert	Richard S. Gifford
Isaac Howland Sworn	Isaac D. Earle
Holder D. Crapo	Phlander H. Brightman

Voted That Charles F. Macomber be added to the list.

Voted That we elect five field drivers viz:

William O'Brien Sworn.
Robert P. Tripp
Robert F. Macomber
Elizabeth C. Manley
Abiah D. Macomber Affirmed.

Voted. That the following be added to the list of field drivers.

Warren Dyer	Charles F. Macomber
Christopher Borden Sworn.	Albert F. King

Voted That we elect four pound keepers as follows:

Robert F. Macomber	John F. White
Charles R. Allen	Robert C. Tripp

Voted That the following be added to the list of Pound keepers

Reufus E. Woodell	Edward A. Howland
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Voted That Art. 5th. be laid on the table.

Voted That Art. 6th be laid on the table.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

Robert A. Lawton
Town Clerk.

Town House Westport, April. 17th. 1880 10 o'clock A.M.
Meeting met according to adjournment and the following votes were passed.

Voted. To grant and raise Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of paupers for the ensuing year.

Voted. To grant and raise Four Thousand Dollars for the support of highways and bridges.

Voted. To grant and raise Four Thousand Dollars for the support of schools.

Voted. To grant and raise One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for Military Aid.

Voted. To grant and raise Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the payment of town debt and interest.

Voted. To raise Five Hundred Dollars for the repair of the school houses and lots for the ensuing year.

Voted. To grant and raise Eight Hundred Dollars for the payment of Town Officers and Committees.

Voted. To raise Two Hundred Dollars for incidental expenses.

Voted To grant and raise the sum of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars by taxation upon the poll, estate and nonresident property holders in said town.

Voted. To take article fifth from the table for action.

Voted To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners.

Voted To amend the Auditing Committee by striking out the account of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Voted. To accept the report of the Auditing Committee as amended.

Voted. That the Auditing Committee be authorized to revise the account of Beech Grove Cemetery as found in the report for the year ending Mar. 1. 1880.

Voted. To accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor.

- Voted. To accept the report of the Selectmen in regard to the new wharf at Hicks Bridge.
- Voted. To accept the report of the Selectmen in regard to the new tomb.
- Voted. To accept the report of the Selectmen in regard to Beech Grove Cemetery and adopt the recommendations contained therein.
- Voted. That the town accept the new wharf at Hicks Bridge together with the lot bought from A. W. Brightman as a town landing and that it be placed under the control of the Landing Commissioners.
- Voted. That the High School be located at Westport Point during the Summer and at the Head of Westport during the Winter.
- Voted. To allow no discount for the prompt payment of taxes.
- Voted. To charge and collect interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after the second day of November 1880 at the rate of seven per cent per annum.
- Voted. That the treasurer receive one third of one per cent on all payments from the treasury.
- Voted. That the Collector of Taxes receive one per cent on all moneys collected and paid into the treasury.
- Voted. That the salary of the sealer of weights and measures be Twenty Dollars.
- Voted. To allow Surveyors of Highways \$1.75 per day.
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| " | " | pair of horses on | " | 2.00 | " | " |
| " | " | one horse | " | 1.00 | " | " |
| " | " | pair of oxen | " | 2.00 | " | " |
| " | " | cart | " | .25 | " | " |
| " | " | plough | " | .50 | " | " |
| " | " | scraper | " | .25 | " | " |
| " | " | stone digger | " | .25 | " | " |
- Voted. That the Surveyors of Highways be instructed to expend at least three fourths of the money allotted to them before the first day of July 1880.
- Voted. To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen viz:
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| Akins Daniel B. | Chace Charles W. |
| Allen Cortez | Goldwell William |
| Allen Daniel H. | Cottle Robert H. |
| Anthony Gardiner S. | |
| Blossom Eli W. | Davis Alfred C. |
| Borden Charles W. | Davis John A. |
| Brightman Elihu S. | Francis James A. |

Gifford Edmund L.	Palmer William D.
Gifford Jonathan	Petty Cardon Z.
Gifford Peleg W.	Peckham Willard B.
Hall George W. Jr.	Russell Charles F.
Hicks Isaac C.	
Howland Frederick A.	Sanford Peleg S. Jr.
Howland Asa R.	Sherman Lorenzo
	Smith John A.
Kirby Edmund	Tallman Charles R.
Lewiston John	Tripp Cardon A.
Lewiston Isaac M.	
Lewis Thomas W.	Wood George F.
	Wood Robert E.
Macomber Isaac B.	Woodell Gilbert R.
Macomber Robert F.	Woodell Joseph R.
Mosher Frederick P.	

- Voted. That the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to renew notes held against the town and hire money if necessary in anticipation of the tax. And the Selectmen are hereby authorized to countersign all notes issued by the treasurer.
- Voted. That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized at their discretion to transfer and add to any or either department of the town appropriations any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.
- Voted. That the several boards of officers be and are hereby authorized to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- Voted. To take article sixth from the table.
- Voted. To indefinitely postpone any action on the sixth article of the warrant.
- Voted. That the Town Clerk be instructed to notify the County Commissioners of the action of this meeting.
- Voted. To Adjourn.

A true record.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport.
Meeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Saturday the Seventeenth day of April next at Three O'clock P. M. to act on the following article viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will accept the resurvey of a Town way on the east side of Acoaxet river leading from the highway, leading from Wicks Bridge to Dartmouth line, Northerly to the County Road near Head of Westport.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many 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 at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of April Eighteen Hundred and Eighty.

S. E. Brounell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester }
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Westport April 9th 1880.

I have served this warrant by posting up four attested copies in the following public places. One at the store of A. H. Cory, One at the store of S. E. Tripp, One at the store of E. E. Gifford, One at the store of Macomber & Anthony.

S. H. Macomber Constable of the Town of Westport.

Town House Westport April 17th 3 o'clock P. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters assembled and the following votes were passed.

Albert D. Manchester was elected Moderator and affirmed.

Voted To accept the resurvey of the Highway on the east side of Acoaxet river as made by the Selectmen.

Voted. That the Selectmen be ordered to place suitable stone posts at the angles in the resurvey of said Highway.

Voted. To adjourn without day.

A true record.
Attest.

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S.

Westport, April 17th 1880.

Then personally appeared Isaac Howland, Jonathan Gifford, George S. Seawton, Jacob Cornell, Philander W. Macomber, Cook E. Tripp and Jonathan Pierce having been appointed Surveyors of Highways and made oath that they would faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Before me.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S. April 17th 1880.

Then personally appeared before me Samuel H. Macomber and Daniel M. Sanford who were appointed Truant Officers for the town of Westport and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of that office.

Before me.

Charles Fisher Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S.

Westport, April 21st 1880.

Then personally appeared James A. Gifford having been appointed surveyor of highways and made affirmation that he would faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Before me.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S. May 10th 1880.

Then personally appeared John M. Allen one of the Truant Officers for the town of Westport and made Oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of that office.

Before me.

Charles Fisher Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

Bristol, S.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town on Saturday the Fifteenth day of May 1880 at Three O. Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting:

Article 2d To see what action the Town will take in relation to a suit commenced by Andrew Hicks against the Town of Westport.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up Four or more attested copies thereof in as many public places in said town seven days at least before the time of said meeting:

Whereof 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 hands this Fourth day of May Eighteen Hundred and Eighty

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

Westport May 12th. 1880.

I have served this warrant by posting up four attested copies in the following public places more than seven days before said meeting. One at the store of A. H. Corry, One at the store of E. C. Tripp, One at the store of E. C. Gifford, One at the store of Macomber & Anthony.

S. H. Macomber Constable of the
Town of Westport.

Town House Westport May 15th. 1880. 3 o'clock P. M.

A greable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters assembled and the following votes were passed.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator and affirmation administered by the Town Clerk.

Voted. That John W. Gifford be and is hereby appointed the agent for this Town to defend a suit brought by Andrew Hicks to recover from this Town any portion of his Tax or Taxes which were assessed and collected for the year 1879 and paid under protest.

Voted That the Selectmen order from the Treasury such amount of money as the agent appointed by the town to defend a suit commenced by Andrew Hicks against the inhabitants of said town may deem necessary.

Voted That the records be now read.

Voted That we do now adjourn.

A true record:

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn the Inhabitants of Westport qualified as the law directs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, it being the second day of said month, at Ten O'clock A. M. then and there to bring in to the Selectmen of said Town, their vote for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and an Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Representative in the 47th Congress from District No. One, a Councillor for First Council District, District Attorney for the Southern District, Sheriff, Commissioner of Insolvency, a County Commissioner and Two Special Commissioners for Bristol County, a Senator from the Third Senatorial District, All in one ballot. Also one Representative to the next General Court from Representative District No. Seven in the County of Bristol. On a separate ballot. The Polls may be closed at Two O'clock P. M.

Whereof fail not and, have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of October A. D. 1880.

E. E. Brownell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester } of
Harvey W. Kirby } Westport

Westport October 25. 1880.

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies as the law directs.

S. H. Macomber Constable
of the Town of Westport.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westport held at the Town House in said Town on the second day of November 1880 for the purposes set forth in the foregoing warrant, Votes for the following named persons were given in assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open Town meeting.

For Electors of President and Vice President at large.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Paul A. Chadbourne of Williamstown had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 John M. Forbes of Milton " " 364
 Josiah G. Abbott of Boston " Twelve 12
 Jonas H. French of Gloucester " " 12
 Alonzo A. Meiner of Boston " Ten 10
 John Blackmer of Springfield " " 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. One.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Marshall S. Underwood of Dennis had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Philander Cobb of Kingston had Twelve 12
 John D. King of Edgartown had Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Two.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 William C. Lovering of Taunton had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Peter Butler of Quincy had Twelve 12
 Lewis Ford of Brockton " Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Three.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Moody Merrill of Boston had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Edward B. Rankin " " Twelve 12
 Daniel S. Gammon " " Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Four.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Charles L. Woodbury of Boston had Twelve 12
 Stuart B. Comick of Chelsea had Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Five.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Amos F. Breed of Lynn had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Christopher C. P. hymes of Somerville had Twelve 12
 James P. Boyce of Lynn had Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Six.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Augustus M. Clark of Beverly had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 James H. Carlton of Haverhill had Twelve 12
 Lambert L. Wood of Peabody had Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Seven.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Francis Jewett of Lowell had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 John C. Sanborn of Lawrence had Twelve 12
 James H. Fellows of Lowell had Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Eight.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 James M. W. Hall of Cambridge had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Everett Saltonstall of Newton had Twelve 12
 Charles A. Hoovey " " Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Nine.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 J. J. Everett of Princeton had Ten 10
 Edwin Conant of Worcester had Twelve 12
 Charles E. Whittin of Northbridge had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Ten.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Wm. B. C. Pearsons of Holyoke had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Nahum Harwood of Leominster had Twelve 12
 Joseph B. Drury of Gardner had Ten 10

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. Eleven.
 Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Eighty Six 386
 Wm. C. Plunkett of Adams had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield had Twelve 12
 Edmund Pratt of Longmeadow had Ten 10

For Governor.
 John D. Long of Hingham had Three Hundred Sixty Two 362
 Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester had Twelve 12
 Charles Almy of New Bedford had Twenty Two 22

For Lieutenant Governor.
 Byron Weston of Dalton had Three Hundred Sixty Two 362
 Alpha C. Thompson of Woburn had Twelve 12
 Timothy K. Earle of Worcester had Twenty Two 22

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.
 Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Three Hundred Sixty Two 362
 Michael J. Donohoe of Somerville had Twelve 12
 Solomon F. Root of Dalton had Twenty Two 22

For Treasurer and Receiver General.
 Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had Three Hundred Sixty Two 362
 Francis J. Parker of Newton had Twelve 12
 Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton had Twenty Two 22

For Auditor.
 Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had Three Hundred Sixty Two 362
 Charles R. Field of Greenfield had Twelve 12
 Jonathan Buck of Haverhill had Twenty Two 22

For Attorney General
 George Mudgett of New Bedford had Three Hundred Sixty One 361
 Patrick A. Collins of Boston had Twelve 12
 Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden had Twenty Two 22

For Representative in Congress first District
 William W. Crapo of New Bedford had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Charles E. Davis of Plymouth had Twelve 12
 Rodney French of New Bedford had Seventeen 17
 George B. Richmond " " " " One 1

For Councillor first District
 Matthew H. Fushing of Middleborough had Three Hundred Sixty Four 364
 Isaac Smith Jr. of Fall River had Twelve 12
 Nehemiah P. Baker of Falmouth had Twenty Two 22

For District Attorney Southern District
 Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had Three Hundred Sixty Two 362
 Edwin S. Barney " " " " Twelve 12
 William H. Pierce " Fall River " Twenty Two 22

For Sheriff Bristol County
 Andrew R. Wright of Fall River had Two Hundred Sixty Two 262
 Henry J. Buffington " " " " One Hundred Twenty One 121

For County Commissioner
 Franklin Gray of Fall River had Three Hundred Thirty Six 336
 John L. Pierce of Somerset had Twelve 12
 Oliver H. P. Brown of New Bedford had Twenty Two 22

For Special Commissioners
 Daniel G. Lewis of Fairhaven had Three Hundred Fifty Two 352
 George N. Crandall of Attleborough " " " " 352
 Jonathan A. Pratt of Easton " Thirteen 13
 William H. Aiken of Dartmouth " " 13
 Nathaniel W. Winchester of Westport " Twenty One 21
 Thomas N. Thatcher of Fairhaven " " " 21

For Commissioners of Insolvency
 George E. Williams of Taunton had Three Hundred Fifty Two 352
 Charles J. Bonney of New Bedford " " " " Thirteen 353
 George E. Adams of Attleborough " Two Hundred Sixty Five 265
 George A. Adams " " " " Eighty Eight 88
 Lewis Lapham of Fall River had Thirteen 13
 Thomas F. Deemond of New Bedford had Twelve 12
 Edward J. Conaty of Taunton " " 12

For Senator Third Bristol District
 George B. Richmond of New Bedford had Three Hundred Nineteen 319
 James C. Mara of Fairhaven had Forty Four 44
 Isaac M. Babbitt Jr. " " " " Eighteen 18

For Representative to the General Court Seventh Bristol District
 Henry A. Slocum of Dartmouth had Two Hundred Sixty One 261
 Isaac P. Wilbur " " " " One Hundred Twenty One 121

Adjourned:

A true record.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d
 Town Clerk.

We the undersigned Clerks of the towns of Dartmouth and Westport composing Representative District No. Seven in Bristol County do hereby certify that according to the certified transcripts of the records of said towns it appears that the names of all persons for whom votes were given in for a Representative from said district and the number of votes for each were as follows viz:

Whole number of ballots cast was Eight Hundred Twenty 820
 Henry A. Slocum of Dartmouth had Five Hundred Thirty Four 534
 Isaac P. Wilbur " " " " Two Hundred Eighty Five 285
 Stephen Devoll " " " " One 1

John S. Sidley Town Clerk of Dartmouth
 John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport

A true copy of certificate

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
 Town Clerk.

Westport December 3d, 1880.

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be destroyed by fire (without examination or permitting them to be examined by any person whatever) the ballots cast at the election of Nov. 2, 1880.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
 Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn 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 fourth day of April next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles: viz:

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2d To see if the Town will accept the provisions of an act entitled an act for the election of Road Commissioners; and of an act entitled an act in relation to election of Selectmen and Assessors.
- Art. 3d To choose all necessary town officers to serve during their terms for which they are elected.
- Art. 4th To see whether the Town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.
- Art. 5th To see if the Town will establish and maintain a light on or near the Bridge crossing the river at Head of Westport.
- Art. 6th To see if the Town will offer a suitable reward for the destruction of hawks.
- Art. 7th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same viz: Support of Poor, repairs of Highways and Bridges, Support of School, Military Aid, Liquidation of Town Debt, and for incidental expenses; also to determine the manner of raising such appropriations.
- Art. 8th To hear the reports of Town Officers and to act thereon.
- Art. 9th To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10th To determine what inducement the Town will offer for the prompt payment of taxes, and fix the time during which discount may be allowed and paid.
- Art. 11th To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from taxpayers that have not paid their taxes in or before a specified time.
- Art. 12th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and Sealer of Weights and Measures.
- Art. 13th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed per day or hour for labor &c on Highway viz: For Surveyors, Common Laborers, one pair horses, one horse one pair oxen use of cart plough scraper and stone-digger.
- Art. 14th To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

- Art. 15th To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to renew certain notes held against the Town and to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the Tax.
- Art. 16th To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion to transfer and add to any or either department of the Town appropriations, any money that may be in the Treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.
- Art. 17th To see if the Town will authorize the boards of officers to order bills against the Town for and on account of their respective departments.
- Art. 18th The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Fence Viewers, Constables, Landings Commissioners, Auditing Committee and Superintendent of Town Cemetery all to be voted for on one ballot. Also at the same time on a separate ballot. Yeas & Nays on the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many 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 at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighty one

E. E. Brownell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester }
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Westport March 25th. 1881.
I have served this warrant pursuant to its requirements.
S. H. Macomber Constable
of the Town of Westport.

Town House, Westport. April. 4th. 1881. 10 o'clock A. M.
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following officers were elected and votes passed.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected moderator and affirmation was administered by the Town Clerk.

- Voted To indefinitely postpone action in regard to the election of Road Commissioners.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the remainder of the second article of the warrant.
- Voted To proceed to ballot for one Town Clerk, three Selectmen, one Treasurer, one collector, three Assessors, one Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, one School Committee for 3 years, three constables, three fence viewers, 4 Landings Commissioners, 3 Auditing Committee, one Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Voted That the Polls be kept open until one o'clock P. M.

Voted Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.
Dec. One. No. Eighty Seven.

The following officers were elected by ballot.

For Town Clerk John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed

For Selectmen Giles E. Brownell Sworn
Albert D. Manchester Affirmed
Harvey W. Kirby Sworn.

For Overseer of the Poor for 3 years. Giles E. Brownell Sworn

For Treasurer John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed

For Collector of Taxes. Alanson P. Brownell Sworn

For Assessors Horatio H. Brownell Sworn.
Albert D. Manchester Affirmed
Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Affirmed

For School Committee for 3 years John B. Parris

For Constables Daniel M. Sanford Sworn
Samuel H. Macomber Affirmed
John M. Allen Sworn

For Fence Viewers Daniel M. Sanford Affirmed
Samuel A. Sisson Affirmed
Godfrey Cornell Jr Sworn

For Landing Commissioners Willard Reed
Charles Wing Sworn.
Cornelius J. Allen Sworn.
Luther D. Bidder Sworn

For Auditing Committee Christopher Borden Accepted
Luther D. Bidder Accepted
Henry A. Allen Accepted

For Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery Joseph T. Lawton. Sworn

Voted To proceed to elect the remainder of Town Officers.

Voted That the Selectmen appoint as many Surveyors of Highways as they deem necessary.

Voted That Preserved Tripp^{sr} be Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted To elect sixteen Surveyors of Lumber and Measure of Wood and Bark viz:
Charles H. Macomber William W. Handy
Frank S. Davis Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Affirmed
Wm. H. Gifford 3d Frank Crapo Sworn.
Isaac Howland Sworn. Holder D. Crapo
John C. Macomber George E. Tripp
Wm. C. Trafford Albert F. King Sworn
Preserved Tripp Sworn. Richard S. Gifford
Isaac D. Earle Philander H. Brightman

Voted To add one to the list viz: Sylvester C. Manly Sworn.

Voted To elect Nine field drivers viz:
Charles W. Borden Sworn Robert P. Tripp
Alvah D. Macomber Robert F. Macomber
Christopher Borden Sworn Lorenzo Sherman
Jacob Cornell Warren Dyer
Charles F. Macomber

Voted To add one to the list viz: Jonathan Pierce

Voted To elect four pound keepers viz:
Robert F. Macomber Rufus E. Wordell
John F. White Eli P. Lawton

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the fourth article of the warrant.
Decs. Thirty Two. Mays. Eight.

Voted That the Selectmen be not authorized and instructed to erect a light on or near the bridge at the Head of the River. Provided that some person will agree to light and care for the lamp free of expense to the town.

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted That the Selectmen be not authorized and instructed to erect a light on or near the bridge at the Head of the River to be lighted when necessary.

Voted Not to give twenty five cents reward for each hawk killed.

Voted To indefinitely postpone article sixth.

Voted To proceed to make appropriations.

Voted To appropriate Four Thousand Dollar for the support of schools

Voted To appropriate Five Hundred Dollars for repairs on school houses and lots

Voted To appropriate Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of highways and bridges.

- Voted To appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of Paupers.
- Voted To appropriate One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for Military Aid.
- Voted To appropriate Four Hundred ^{Dollars} for incidental expenses.
- Voted To appropriate Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for payment of debt and interest.
- Voted To appropriate Six Hundred Dollars for the payment of Town officers and committees.
- Voted To grant and raise the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars by taxation on the polls and estates and non resident property holders of the town.
- Voted To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners and place it on file.
- Voted That the Auditing Committee be authorized and instructed to revise the Beech Grove Cemetery department account for the years 1879 and 1880 and report next year.
- Voted To accept the report of the Auditing Committee except Beech Grove Cemetery Department account and place it on file.
- Voted To accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor and place it on file.
- Voted To accept the report of John W. Gifford Town Agent and place it on file.
- Voted To give John W. Gifford a vote of thanks for his services as agent.
- Voted To lay article eighth on the table.
- Voted That the High School be held at the Head of the River during the summer term and winter term at Westport Point.
- Voted To allow no discount for the prompt payment of taxes.
- Voted To charge and collect interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after the eighth day of Nov. next.
- Voted To allow the Treasurer one third of one per cent on all payments from the treasury.
- Voted To allow the Collector of Taxes one per cent. on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury.
- Voted To allow the sealer of weights and measures Twenty Dollars.
- Voted To allow surveyors of Highways \$1.75 per day.
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| " | " | Laborers on | " | \$1.50 | " | " |
| " | " | 1 pair of horses | " | \$2.00 | " | " |
| " | " | 1 horse | " | \$1.00 | " | " |
| " | " | 1 pair of oxen | " | \$2.00 | " | " |

- Voted To allow for a cart on the Highway \$0.25 per day.
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| " | " | " | " | scraper | " | 25 | " | " |
| " | " | " | " | stone digger | " | 25 | " | " |
- Voted To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and amended viz:
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| Aikins Daniel B. | Lawton Richard N. |
| Allen Henry A. | Lewis Thomas W. |
| Allen Cornelius J. | Lawton George F. |
| Allen Joseph C. | |
| Borden Charles W. | Macomber Philander W. |
| Brightman Elihu S. | Macomber Isaac B. |
| Booth Squire S. | Manly Sylvester C. |
| | Macomber Andrew S. |
| | Macomber Alvah D. |
| Chace Charles W. | |
| Cottle Robert H. | Palmer William D. |
| Crope George W. | Peckham Willard B. |
| Davis John A. | |
| Davis Andrew P. | Russell Charles F. |
| Gifford Edmund L. | Sanford Arthur W. |
| Gifford Jonathan | Sisson Samuel A. |
| Gifford Peleg H. | |
| Hall George W. | Tallman Charles R. |
| Hicks Isaac C. | Tripp Pardon A. |
| Howland Lea R. | |
| Jennery Charles H. | Wood George F. |
| Kirby George W. | Wood Robert E. |
| Kirby Charles E. | Wordell Joseph R. |
| | Wood Albert J. |
| | Wing Charles |
- Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to renew notes held against the town and borrow money in anticipation of the tax; and that all notes be countersigned by the Selectmen.
- Voted To authorize the selectmen at their discretion to transfer and add to any or either department of the Town appropriations any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.
- Voted To authorize the boards of officers to order bills against the town for and on acct. of their respective departments.
- Voted To adjourn without day.
- A true record. Attest.
John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Westport Apr. 5. 1881.

Mrs. Charles H. Macomber. You have been chosen to serve as Surveyor of
Lumber & Measurer of Wood & Bark in the town of Westport for the ensuing year: and
you are hereby required to appear and take the oath of office before the Town Clerk
within seven days from date.

S. H. Macomber Constable of the Town of Westport.

I C. H. Macomber having been chosen as above specified do swear
to perform the duties of said office to the best of my ability.

C. H. Macomber

Bristol S.S.

April 11. 1881

Then personally appeared the above named C. H. Macomber
& made oath that the foregoing by him subscribed is true.

Before me

James W. Morton Jr.
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Westport May 28th 1881

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westport Greeting:
Gentlemen.

We the undersigned, Citizens of Westport respectfully petition
your Honorable Body for a license to plant, or bed oysters upon the following
described ground in the East branch of the Acoset River. To Wit:

Beginning at High Water mark and running easterly, by the northerly
line of Beattie's "South Wharf" (so called) to the east bank of the channel thence
northerly along said east bank Sixty Five (65) rods to a stake, thence
westerly to High Water mark thence southerly along the shore to the point of
beginning. Containing Two acres more or less. We the undersigned
have had the above described ground raked over by Two Oystermen who
certify that there are no Oysters thereon and no indications of a natural
"Oyster Bed" existing within said bounds.

George Potter

John Beattie Jr.

Agreeable to the above Petition, License is hereby granted John Beattie Jr.
and George Potter (the above named petitioners) to plant, grow, and dig Oysters at
all times of the year upon the premises described in said petition, provided however
no natural Oyster Bed now exists within sd. meter and bounds, and not impairing
the private rights of any person, nor materially obstructing navigation, said License
Not to exceed Twenty years.

J. E. Brownell

A. D. Manchester

H. W. Kirby

Selectmen

Westport

Westport May 28. 1881.

The foregoing petition and license were received and recorded by me this 20th.
day of June A. D. 1881.

A true copy.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S. June 23. 1881

Then personally appeared Samuel H. Macomber one of the
Trent Officers for the Town of Westport and affirmed that he would faith-
fully and impartially discharge the duties of that office.

Before me

Charles Fisher
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Westport, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House
in said town on Saturday the Twenty-fifth Inst. at three O'clock in
the afternoon to act on the following articles viz:

First To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To see what action the Town will take in relation to defraying the
Indebtedness of the Town caused by the construction of the New Road in
Acoset agreeable to the order of the County Commissioners.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four
or more attested copies thereof in as many public places in said Town
seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of
June A. D. 1881.

Elihu E. Brownell
Albert D. ManchesterSelectmen
of
Westport

Westport June 23th. 1881.

I have served this warrant by posting up copies according to its requirements.

S. H. Macomber
Constable of the Town of Westport

Town House Westport June 23. 1881.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the people legal voters assembled and the following votes were passed.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected moderator and affirmation was administered to him by the clerk.

Voted. That the Assessors be and are hereby directed to assess ~~to~~ one half the amount called for by the County Commissioners for the construction of the new road in Acoaxet together with one half of the accrued interest on the same to the time of payment in the tax of the present year and the remaining half in the tax of the year 1882.

Voted. That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to hire one half the amount called for by the County Commissioners for the construction of the new road in Acoaxet and also of the accrued interest on the same to the time of payment said sums to be hired in anticipation of the taxes of the year 1882 and are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Voted To adjourn.
A true record.

Attest:
John A. Macomber 2d,
Town Clerk.

Notice.

Came into the premises of the subscriber in Westport July 24. 1881 a brown mare with white spot in forehead and one on nose, foundered. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges.

Samuel H. Demoranville

Westport July 26. 1881.

Received and recorded the foregoing notice this 26th day of July 1881.

A true copy Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Town of Westport.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport,
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required forthwith to warn the inhabitants of Westport, qualified as the law directs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on the Tuesday next after the First Monday in November, it being the Eighth day of said month, at Ten o'clock A. M. then and there to bring into the election of said Town, their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and an Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Councillor for first Council District, Clerk of Court, a County Commissioner for Bristol County, a Senator from the Third Senatorial District, also one Representative to the next General Court, from Representative District No. 7 in the County of Bristol all on one ballot; and "Yes" or "No" upon a separate ballot, upon the following article of amendment to the Constitution: - "No person having served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war, and having been honorably discharged from such service, if otherwise qualified to vote shall be disqualified therefor on account of being a pauper; or if a pauper because of the nonpayment of a poll tax." The polls may be closed at 2 o'clock, P. M. Hereof fail not, and have you then and there this warrant, with your doings thereon. Given under our hands this Seventeenth day of October, A. D. 1881.

Siles E. Brownell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester } of
Harvey W. Kirby } Westport

Westport Nov. 3d 1881.

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies as the law directs.

S. H. Macomber
Constable of Westport.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westport held at the Town House in said Town on the eighth day of November 1881. for the purposes set forth in the foregoing warrant, votes for the following named persons were given in assorted, counted, and public declaration made thereof in open Town meeting.

For Governor

John D. Long of Bingham	had Two Hundred Forty Two	242
Charles H. of New Bedford	had Twenty One	21
Joseph C. Little of Bingham	had One	1

For Lieutenant Governor

Byron Westcott of Dalton	had Two Hundred Forty Three	243
John Blackmer of Springfield	had Twenty Two	22

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Two Hundred Forty Three 243
 Solomon F. Root of Douglass had Twenty Two 22

For Treasurer and Receiver General

Daniel A. Gleason of Needford had Two Hundred Forty Three 243
 Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton had Twenty Two 22

For Auditor

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had Two Hundred Forty Three 243
 Jonathan Buck of Warwick " Twenty Two 22

For Attorney General

George Marston of New Bedford had Two Hundred Forty Three 243
 Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden had Twenty Two 22

For Councillor First District

Matthew H. Cushing of Middleboro had Two Hundred Forty Three 243
 Weston Howland of Mattapoisett had Twenty Two 22

For Senator Third Bristol District

Thomas W. Cook of New Bedford had One Hundred Fifteen 115
 William Barker Jr. of Dartmouth had One Hundred Thirty 130
 William H. Beebe of New Bedford had Twenty 20

For County Commissioner

Henry A. Phayer of Taunton had Two Hundred Thirty Nine 239
 Prelet D. Conant of Fall River had Twenty One 21

For Clerk of the Courts

Simon Borden of Fall River had Two Hundred Forty Four 244

For Representative in the General Court Seventh Bristol District

Charles Fisher of Westport had One Hundred Twenty Two 122
 John W. Sifford of " " One Hundred Twenty 120
 Robert A. Lawton of " " Twenty Five 25

Amendment to the Constitution

Yes. Nine 9
 No. Forty Five 45

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d
 Town Clerk.

Dartmouth Nov. 9th. 1881.

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport composing Representative District No. Seven in Bristol County do hereby certify that according to the certified transcripts of the records of said Towns it appears that the names of all persons for whom votes were given in for a Representative from said District and the number of votes for each was as follows: viz:

Whole No. of ballots cast was Five Hundred Eighteen	518
John W. Sifford of Westport had Two Hundred Sixty Two	262
Charles Fisher of " " Two Hundred Eighteen	218
Robert A. Lawton of " " Thirty Seven	37
William H. Aiken of Dartmouth had One	1

Robert S. Gidley Town Clerk of Dartmouth.
 John A. Macomber 2d Town Clerk of Westport.

Recorded by me.

John A. Macomber 2d
 Town Clerk.

Westport December 8th. 1881.

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be destroyed by fire (without examination or permitting them to be examined by any person whatever) the ballots cast at the election of Nov. 8th. 1881.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d
 Town Clerk.

Warrant

Bristol Sd. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport:

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn 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 Third day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

- Article 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To see if the town will accept of the provisions of an act entitled an act for the election of Road Commissioners and of an act entitled an act in relation to election of Selectmen and Assessors.
- 3d. To choose all necessary town officers, to serve during their terms for which they are elected.
- 4th. To see whether the town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.
- 5th. To see if the town will establish and maintain a light on or near the Bridge crossing the river at Head of Westport.
- 6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same viz: Support of poor repairs of highways and bridges, support of school, military aid, liquidation of the town debt and for incidental expenses: also to determine the manner of raising such appropriations.
- 7th. To hear the reports of town officers and act thereon.
- 8th. To determine the location of the high school for the ensuing year.
- 9th. To determine the inducement the town will offer by way of discount for the prompt payment of taxes, and fix the the time during which discount may be allowed and paid.
- 10th. To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from tax payers that have not paid their taxes on or before a specified time.
- 11th. To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and Sealer of Weights and Measures.
- 12th. To determine the compensation that shall be allowed per day or hour for labor, etc., on highways viz: For surveyors, common laborers, one pair horses, one horse, one pair of oxen, use of cart, plough, scraper and stone digger.
- 13th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

- 14th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to renew certain notes held against the town and to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax.
- 15th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion, to transfer and add to either department of the town appropriations, any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.
- 16th. To see if the town will authorize the boards of officers to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- 17th. The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Fence Viewers, Constables, Landing Commissioners, Auditing Committee and Superintendent of Town Cemetery all to be voted for on one ballot: also at the same time on a separate ballot, yes or no, on the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many public places in said town, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

Whereof 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 twenty second day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

G. E. Brownell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester }
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Westport March 25. 1882.

To the within warrant delivered to me I have this day warned the inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified as voters to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned by posting up notices of the same one at the store of Charles H. Macomber

" " " " " Albert F. King
" " " " " Anthony & Macomber
" " " " " John M. Allen
" " " " " Alexander Gorey
" " " " " George E. Tripp

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport April 3d. 1882. 10 o'clock A.M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following officers were elected and votes passed
Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator and affirmation was administered by the Town Clerk.

Voted To indefinitely postpone so much of article 2d. as relates to the election of Road Commissioners.

Voted To accept and adopt the provisions of an act entitled an act for the election of Selectmen and Assessors

Voted To proceed to the election of Town Officers by ballot.

The following were elected.

For Town Clerk: John A. Macomber 2d. affirmed

For Selectmen: Giles E. Brownell for 3 years. sworn
 Albert D. Manchester " 2 " "
 Harvey W. Kirby " 1 " "

For Overseer of the Poor: Harvey W. Kirby for 3 years sworn.

For Treasurer: Cortez Allen Sworn.

For Collector of Taxes: Cortez Allen Sworn.

For Assessors: Albert D. Manchester for 3 years sworn
 Peleg S. Sanford Jr. " 2 " "
 Henry A. Allen " 1 " "

For School Committee: John A. Macomber 2d. for 3 years accepted.

For Constables: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.
 Samuel W. Macomber Affirmed.
 John M. Allen

For Fence Viewers: Samuel A. Sisson sworn.
 Daniel M. Sanford "
 Godfrey Cornell Jr.

For Landing Commissioner: Willard Reed
 Charles Wing Sworn
 Cornelius J. Allen
 Luther D. Bidder Sworn.

For Auditing Committee: Christopher Borden accepted
 Horatio W. Brownell
 Henry A. Allen accepted

For Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery: Joseph T. Lawton. Sworn.

Voted Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.
 No. Twenty Four. Yes: Three.

Voted To proceed to the election of other necessary Town Officers.

Voted That the Selectmen appoint as many surveyors of highways as they deem necessary.

Voted That Preserved Tripp^{sr} be sealer of weights and measures.

Voted To elect surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark one at a time, the following were elected viz:

Isabel L. Reed	Charles W. Macomber
Andrew R. Trafford	Frank S. Davis
Preserved Tripp Sworn	Isaac Howland Sworn.
Albert M. Allen	Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.
George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn.	Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn.
Philander W. Brightman	Albert F. King "
	Sylvester C. Mahley "

Voted For Field Drivers.

Charles W. Borden	Philander W. Macomber Sworn
Robert P. Tripp	Joseph C. Little
Christopher Borden Sworn	Jonathan Pierce
Robert F. Macomber	Lorenzo Sherman

Voted To elect four pound keepers:

Robert F. Macomber	John F. White
Rufus E. Wordell	Robert C. Tripp

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the fourth article of the warrant.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the fifth article of the warrant.

Voted To appropriate Three Thousand Eight Hundred ^{Dollars} for the support of schools
 " " Three Hundred Dollars " " repairs of school houses and lots.
 " " Four Thousand " " " " of highways and bridges.
 " " Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of paupers
 " " One Hundred and Fifty Dollars for Military Aid.
 " " Four Hundred Dollars for incidental expenses.
 " " Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for debt and interest.
 " " Six Hundred Dollars for the payment of Town Officers and Committee.

Voted To grant and raise the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars by taxation on the polls and estate and non resident tax payers of the town.

Voted To accept the report of the selectmen in relation to Beech Grove Cemetery and place it on file

Voted To instruct the Town Clerk to place the acceptance of the plan of Beech Grove Cemetery on each section of the plan.

Voted To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners and place it on file.

Voted That the Auditing Committee be instructed to revise the treasurers book as balanced by them in accordance with the suggestions of Albert D. Manchester which are as follows, that the Note and Interest department account be corrected by deducting the sum of \$1825. the amount of a loan raised for the payment of one half of the New Road in Acaxet which sum has already been entered in Incidenta Department Sect. and that the Unappropriated money department account be corrected so as to correspond with said corrected Note and Interest Department account.

Voted To accept the report of the Auditing Committee and place it on file

Voted To accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor and place it on file

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide boards and posts and adopt the recommendations contained therein as follows viz:

Report in relation to guide Boards and Posts: Guide boards and posts are erected and maintained in the Town on each of the following named places viz: Macomber's Corner, Woodell's Corner, Brownell's Corner, Davis Corner, Geo. H. Gifford's Corner, Head of Westport, Head of Factory Road on the old bruntz road, Corner near Pine Hill, Handy's Corner, Opposite Town House, one near Adamsville R. R., Corner near the residence of Squire S. Booth. it is also recommended that a Guide Post and Board be erected and maintained at the head of the New Road in Acaxet near Adamsville R. R.

G. E. Brownell } Selectmen
H. W. Kirby } Westport

Voted That the agent in the Andrew Hicks case be requested to make report at the next annual meeting.

Voted That the high school be located at Westport Point during the Summer and at the Head of Westport in the Winter.

Voted To allow no discount for the prompt payment of taxes.

Voted To demand and collect interest on all taxes paid after the 7th day of November next at the rate of six per cent.

Voted To allow the Treasurer one third of one per cent on all payments from the Treasury; and to allow the Collector of taxes one per cent on all tax collected and paid into the treasury; also to allow the Sealer of Weights and Measures a salary of \$20.00.

Voted To allow Surveyors of Highways \$1.75 per day
" " laborers on " 1.50 " "
" " 1 pair of horses " 2.00 " "
" " 1 horse " 1.00 " "
" " 1 pair of oxen " 2.00 " "
" " 1 cart " .25 " "
" " for a plough " .10 " hour while in use
" " " a scraper " .25 " day " "
" " " stone digger " .25 " " " "

Voted To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen with the substitution of Charles Fisher in place of Andrew B. Trafford. The list as amended is as follows.

Allen Joseph C.
Aiken George C.
Atwood Martin

Borden Charles W.
Borden Jonathan
Brightman Philander H.
Brightman William O.
Brownell Frank L.

Cornell Oliver
Chace Charles W.
Cook Benjamin P.
Chace William R.
Crape Alexander B.

Davis John A.
Davis Charles M.

Fisher Charles

Gifford Edmund L.
Gifford Charles A.
Grinnell Philip L.

Hicks Isaac C.
Howland Asa R.
Hart Andrew W.

Jennery Charles H.

Kirby Charles E.
Lewis Thomas W.
Lawton George F.
Lawrence Abraham R.

Macomber Isaac B.
Manley Sylvester C.
Macomber James E.

Palmer William D.
Petty Pardon L.
Peckham Joseph C.

Reed Azel L.

Sisson John H.
Sowle James H.

Tripp Pardon A.
Tripp Benjamin F. 2d.
Tripp Cyrus W.

Wood Robert E.

Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to renew notes held against the town and to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax; and that all notes be signed by a majority of the selectmen.

Voted To reconsider the vote in relation to compensation on Highways

Voted To allow the same compensation for labor on highway as by previous vote and said compensation shall include labor on snow.

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

Voted That the several boards of officers are hereby authorized to order bills against the town incurred for and on account of their respective departments

Voted To adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

State of Massachusetts } ss.
County of Bristol

April 5th. 1882.

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber and made oath that he would faithfully discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon him, as a Surveyor of Lumber, Wood and Bark in the Town of Westport State of Massachusetts, to which office he had been declared duly elected for the year now ensuing.

Before me
Henry W. Earle
Justice of the Peace.
Recorded by me
John A. Macomber Jd.
Town Clerk.

Warrant.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required forthwith to warn the inhabitants of Westport qualified as the law directs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, it being the seventh day of said month at Ten o'clock A. M. then and there to bring into the Selectmen of said Town their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and an Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Representative to Congress for the first Congressional District, a Councillor for the first Council District, a County Treasurer, a County Commissioner for Bristol County, a Register of Deeds for the Southern District, a Senator for the Third Senatorial District, and one Representative to the next General Court for Representative District No. 7. in the County of Bristol all on one ballot. The polls may be closed at Two o'clock P. M. Hereof fail not and have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon. Given under our hands at Westport this twenty-eighth day of October A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two.

S. E. Brownell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester }
W. W. Kirby } Westport

Westport Nov. 7th. 1882.

I have served this Warrant by posting up copies in the following public places. 1 at the store of A. W. Cory
" " " " " J. M. Allen
" " " " " E. E. Tripp
" " " " " Macomber & Anthony

S. H. Macomber
Constable of the Town
of Westport.

Town House Westport Nov. 7th. 1882. 10 A. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the town of Westport assembled, and votes for the following named persons were given in assorted, counted, and public declaration made thereof in open Town Meeting.

For Governor.	Whole No. of Votes	311
Robert R. Bishop of Newton	had Two Hundred Thirty Seven	237
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	Forty Eight	48
Charles Almy of New Bedford	Twenty Six	26

For Lieutenant Governor Whole No. of votes	315
Oliver Ames of Easton had Two Hundred Thirty Six	236
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield " Fifty	50
John Blackmer of Springfield " Twenty Nine	29
For Secretary of the Commonwealth Whole No. of votes	315
Henry B. Kirke of Abington had Two Hundred Thirty Six	236
David N. Skilling of Winchester " Fifty	50
Solomon F. Root of Douglas " Twenty Nine	29
For Treasurer and Receiver General Whole No. of votes	315
Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had Two Hundred Thirty Six	236
William A. Hodges of Quincy " Fifty	50
Thomas G. Lothrop of Taunton " Twenty Nine	29
For Auditor Whole No. of votes	315
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had Two Hundred Thirty Six	236
John P. Sweeney of Lawrence " Fifty	50
Jonathan Buck of Warwick " Twenty Nine	29
For Attorney General Whole No. of votes	313
Edgar G. Sherman of Lawrence had Two Hundred Thirty Five	235
George F. Verr of Worcester " Fifty	50
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden " Twenty Eight	28
For Representative in Congress 1st District Whole No. of votes	311
Robert J. Davis of Fall River had Two Hundred Thirty Four	234
Nicholas Hathaway of " " " Forty Eight	48
George F. Babbit of Provincetown " Twenty Nine	29
For Councillor 1st District Whole No. of votes	315
Matthew H. Cushing of Middleboro had Two Hundred Thirty Six	236
Sylvanus B. Chinn of Barnstable " Fifty	50
Weston Howland of Mattapoisett " Twenty Nine	29
For County Commissioner Whole No. of votes	308
Billy E. Perry of New Bedford had One Hundred Fifty Seven	157
James F. MacKenzie of " " " Ninety Five	95
Eli P. Lawton of Westport " Thirty	30
Prelet D. Conant of Fall River " Twenty Six	26
For County Treasurer Whole No. of votes	314
George F. Pratt of Taunton had Two Hundred Eighty Five	285
Clarence E. Boyden " " " Twenty Nine	29
For Register of Deeds Southern District Whole No. of votes	314
Charles E. Sayer of New Bedford had Two Hundred Thirty Five	235
Thomas F. Desmond of " " " Fifty	50
Charles E. Hendrickson of " " " Twenty Nine	29

For Senator, Third Bristol District. Whole No. of votes	315
Charles S. Randall of New Bedford had One Hundred Twenty Five	125
William Barker Jr. of Dartmouth " One Hundred Forty Seven	147
Isaac N. Balfitt Jr. of Fairhaven " Thirty	30
Albert H. W. Carpenter of New Bedford " Thirteen	13
For Representative, 7th Bristol District. Whole No. of votes	311
Albert D. Manchester of Westport had One Hundred Seventy Nine	179
John W. Gifford " " " One Hundred Thirty One	131
N. W. Winchester " " " One	1

Voted To adjourn.

A true record,

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Dartmouth November 8th 1882.

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport comprising Representative District No. (7) in Bristol County do hereby certify that according to the certified transcripts of the records of said Towns it appears that the names of all persons for whom votes were given in for a Representative from said District and the number of votes for each was as follows, viz:

Whole No. of ballots cast was Seven Hundred Thirteen	713
John W. Gifford of Westport had Three Hundred Eighty Nine	389
Albert D. Manchester " " " Three Hundred Twenty One	321
William H. Siken of Dartmouth " One	1
James B. Denham had One	1
N. W. Winchester of Westport had One	1

Job S. Sidley Town Clerk of Dartmouth

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Westport Jan. 26. 1883.

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be destroyed by fire (without examination or permitting them to be examined by any person whatever) the ballots cast at the election of Nov. 7. 1882.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Warrant.
Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the town of Westport

Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn 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 Second day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

- Article 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To see if the town will accept of the provisions of an act entitled an Act for the election of Road Commissioners.
- 3d. To choose all necessary town officers to serve during their terms for which they are elected.
- 4th. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to dispose of the schoolhouse property known as schoolhouse No. 6.
- 5th. To see if the town will accept of the way as laid out by the Selectmen from Forge Road (so called) easterly to the highway near Westport Factory.
- 6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriations for the same viz: Support of poor, repairs of highways and bridges, support of schools, military aid, liquidation of town debt and for incidental expenses: also to determine the manner of raising such appropriations.
- 7th. To hear the reports of town officers and act thereon.
- 8th. To determine the location of the high school for the ensuing year.
- 9th. To determine the inducement the town will offer by the way of discount for the prompt payment of taxes, and fix the time during which discount be allowed and paid.
- 10th. To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from taxpayers that have not paid their taxes on or before a specified time.
- 11th. To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and sealer of Weights and Measures.
- 12th. To determine the compensation that shall be allowed per day or hour for labor, etc. on highways, viz: For Surveyors, common laborers, one pair horses, one horse, one pair oxen. use of cart plough, scraper, and stone digger.
- 13th. To see if the town will accept of the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

- 14th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax.
- 15th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen at their discretion, to transfer and add to either department of the town appropriations, any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated.
- 16th. To see if the town will authorize the boards of officers to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- 17th. The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Assessor, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Fence Viewers, Constables, Landing Commissioners, Auditing Committee, and Superintendent of Town Cemetery, all to be voted for on one ballot: also at the same time on a separate ballot, ye or no, on the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many 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 at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-second day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

E. E. Brownell } Selectmen
Albert D. Manchester }
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Westport April 2d. 1883

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof according to its requirements.

S. H. Macomber
Constable of the
Town of Westport.

Town House Westport April 2d. 1883. 10 o'clock A. M.
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town of Westport assembled and the following officers were elected and votes passed.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator and affirmation administered to him by the Town Clerk.

Voted: To indefinitely postpone action on the second article in the warrant.

Voted To proceed to ballot for one Town Clerk, one Selectman for 3 years, one Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, one Assessor for 3 years, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, one School Committee for 3 years, four Landing Commissioners, three Fence Viewers, three Auditing Committee, one Supt. of Beech Grove Cemetery four Constables.

The following officers were elected by ballot, viz:

Town Clerk: John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed.

Selectman for 3 years: Harvey W. Kirby Sworn.

Overseer of the Poor for 3 years: Albert D. Manchester affirmed.

Assessor for 3 years: Henry A. Allen Sworn

Treasurer: Cortez Allen Sworn.

Collector of Taxes: Cortez Allen Sworn

School Committee for 3 years: Charles Fisher. Accepted

Constables: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn
Samuel H. Macomber Affirmed
David H. Potter
Samuel A. Peckham Sworn.

Landing Commissioners: Willard Reed
Charles Wing
Cornelius T. Allen Sworn.
Luther D. Kidder

Fence Viewers: Godfrey Cornell Jr. Sworn.
Sambel A. Gisson Sworn.
Daniel M. Sanford Sworn

Auditing Committee: Christopher Borden
Henry A. Allen Accepted
Isaac D. Earle

Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery: Joseph T. Lawton. Sworn.

Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?
No: Thirty. Yes: None

Voted To proceed to the election of other necessary Town Officers.

Voted That Preserved Tripp be sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

Voted To elect 13 Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, viz:
Azul S. Reed Isaac Howland Sworn Robert M. Allen
Preserved Tripp Pelag S. Sanford Jr. Sworn Philander H. Brightman
George F. Pierce 2d Sworn Silvester C. Manley Matthias C. Gammons
Charles H. Macomber Andrew B. Trafford Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.

Albert J. King 2d.

Voted To elect 8 Field Drivers for the year ensuing.
George Holmes Sworn Amos L. Peckham Sworn.
Robert F. Macomber Sworn Theodore B. Pierce
Christopher Borden Sworn Philander W. Macomber Sworn.
Gilbert R. Wordell Sworn Jb. Durfee

Voted To add one to the list of Field Drivers: viz: Andrew P. Davis

Voted To elect 4 Pound Keepers, viz:
Robert F. Macomber Sworn Rufus E. Wordell
John F. White George F. Wood.

Voted That The School Committee be authorized to dispose of the school house property known as school house No. 6.

Voted To accept the lay out of the way from the Forge Road (so called) Easterly to the Dartmouth line as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted To appropriate Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars for the support of schools.
" " Three Hundred " for the repairs of sch. houses and lots.
" " Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars " " " of Highways and bridges
" " Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the support of Paupers
" " One hundred Fifty Dollars for Military Aid
" " Four hundred Dollars for Incidental Expenses
" " Three hundred Forty Dollars for Interest on Town debt.

Voted To raise by taxation on the Polls, Estates and Non Resident tax payers of the Town the sum of Ten Thousand Three Hundred Dollars.

Voted To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners and place it on file.

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to Beech Grove Cemetery and adopt the recommendations contained therein, as follows:
Report of the Selectmen in relation to Beech Grove Cemetery in Westport.
John A. Macomber 2d. was authorized by the Selectmen to sell Burial Lots execute Deeds therefor in said Cemetery during his official year.
The Selectmen hereby recommend that the Town donate a lot to be located by the Selectmen for the supply of water for use in said cemetery.

G. C. Browne } Selectmen.
A. D. Manchester }
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Voted. To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to Guide Posts.

Voted To accept the report of the Auditing Committee and place it on file

Voted To accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor and place it on file.

- Voted That the High School be located at the Head of the River during the first half of the year and at the Point the remainder of the year
- Voted To allow no discount for the prompt payment of taxes.
- Voted To demand and collect Interest at the rate of six per cent on all taxes remaining unpaid after the sixth day of November next.
- Voted To allow the Treasurer 1/3 of one per cent on all payments from the Treasury
- Voted To allow the Collector of Taxes 1 1/4 per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury.
- Voted That the salary of the sealer of weights and measures be Twenty Dollars.
- Voted To allow Surveyors of Highway \$1.75 per day of 10 hours.
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| " " Laborers on " | 1.50 | " " " " " |
| " " pair of horses " | 2.00 | " " " " " |
| " " one horse " | 1.00 | " " " " " |
| " " pair of oxen " | 2.00 | " " " " " |
| " " one cart " | .25 | " " " " " |
| " " one plough " | .10 | cents per hour while in use |
| " " one scraper " | .25 | per day of 10 hours |
| " " one stone digger " | .25 | " " " " " |
- Voted To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen viz:
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| Adams John B. | Hicks William B. |
| Allen Albert M. | Houlard Zoeth |
| Almy Zebotes | Kirby Charles E. |
| Beattie John Jr. | Lawence Abraham R. |
| Borden Christopher | Macomber Philip E. |
| Brightman Perry P. | Manchester Abraham E. |
| Brightman William O. | Palmer William D. |
| Brownell Horatio L. | Petty Benjamin J. |
| Chace Charles W. | Petty David D. |
| Chace Frederic A. | Peckham Samuel A. |
| Chace George H. | Reed Royal R. |
| Cornell Sideon | Sisson George F. |
| Cornell John A. | Snell Isaac E. |
| Crope Reuben W. | Sherman Albert S. |
| Davis John A. | Tallman Charles R. |
| Gammon Matthias E. | |
| Sidley Benjamin W. | |
| Grinnell Oliver E. | |

Tripp Algerine O.
 Tripp Benjamin F. 2d.
 Tripp Cook S.
 Tripp Robert P.

Valentine William
 Whalon Sideon R.
 Winchester Nathaniel W.

- Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax.
- Voted That the Selectmen be authorized at their discretion, to transfer and add to either department of the town appropriations, any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated
- Voted That the several boards of officers be authorized to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective department.
- Voted To allow the Moderator \$3. for his services.
- Voted To adjourn without day

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
 Town Clerk.

Westport Apr. 3d. 1883

Mr. Charles H. Macomber you have been chosen as surveyor of Lumber and measurer of Wood and Bark for the Town of Westport for the ensuing year and you are hereby required to appear and take the oath of office before the Town Clerk within seven days from date.

S. H. Macomber
 Constable of the
 Town of Westport.

State of Massachusetts } April 6. 1883.
 County of Bristol ss.

Then Personally appeared Charles H. Macomber and made Oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the Office to which he had been declared duly elected and of which he had been officially notified by the within notice. Done this Sixth day of April A.D. 1883.

Before me
 Henry H. Earl
 Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me
 John A. Macomber 2d.
 Town Clerk.