

- 8th. 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 may be allowed and paid.
- 9th. To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from tax-payers that have not paid their taxes on or before a specified time
- 10th. To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and Sealer of Weights and Measures.
- 11th. To determine the compensation that shall be allowed per day or hour for labor, etc., on highway, viz: For Surveyors, common laborers, one pair horses, one horse, one pair oxen, use of cart, plough, scraper, and stone digger.
- 12th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.
- 13th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax.
- 14th. 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
- 15th. 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.
- 16th. 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 four.

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

Westport April 7th. 1884.

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies in the following public places:

- 1 at the store of Macomber & Anthony
- 1 " " " John M. Allen
- 1 " " " Lewis Robinson
- 1 " " " Tripp Brothers

Seven days before the time of said meeting

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

Town House April 7th. 1884. 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.

Giles E. Brownell and Harvey W. Kirby were appointed tellers of votes by the Town Clerk and sworn by him to the faithful discharge of their duties.

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

Voted: To indefinitely postpone action on the 2d. article of the warrant.

Voted: To proceed to elect officers by ballot, viz: 1 Town Clerk, 1 Selectman for 3 years, 1 Overseer of Poor for 3 years, 1 Assessor for 3 years, 1 Treasurer, 1 Collector of Taxes, 1 School Committee for 3 years, 3 Constables, 4 Landing Commissioners, 3 Fence Viewers, 3 Auditing Committee, 1 Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.

The following were elected:

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

Selectman for 3 years. Albert D. Manchester Affirmed

Overseer of Poor for 3 years Samuel A. Sisson Sworn.

Assessor for 3 years Robert A. Lawton Affirmed.

Treasurer: Isaac Howland Sworn

Collector of Taxes: Isaac Howland Sworn

School Committee for 3 years. Charles A. Gifford. Accepted.







Voted That the same compensation be allowed for labor on Highways as last year viz:

|                       |        |                        |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Surveyors of Highways | \$1.75 | for day of 10 hours    |
| Laborers on           | 1.50   | " " " " "              |
| Pair of Horses        | 2.00   | " " " " "              |
| One Horse             | 1.00   | " " " " "              |
| Pair of Oxen          | 2.00   | " " " " "              |
| One cart              | .25    | " " " " "              |
| scraper               | .25    | " " " " "              |
| Stone Digger          | .25    | " " " " "              |
| Plough                | .10    | per hour while in use. |

Voted To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen viz:

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Allen Albert M.      | King Albert F.        |
| Allen Job            | Lawton William A.     |
| Almy Zelotes L.      | Lawton Isaac M.       |
| Babbitt John O.      | Macomber Charles F.   |
| Blossom Eli W.       | Manchester Everett L. |
| Borden Charles W.    | Mosher Sherman W.     |
| Brownell Horatio W.  | Petty Henry J.        |
| Brightman William O. | Peckham Joseph C.     |
| Cornell Oliver       | Potter George         |
| Craigo Holder D.     | Sherman Lorenzo       |
| Caldwell William     | Smith John A.         |
| Davis Rodney N.      | Snell Isaac E.        |
| Davol Samuel B.      | Soule James H.        |
| Gammons Matthias E.  | Taylor John C.        |
| Sidley Benjamin W.   | Tripp Benjamin F. 2d. |
| Gifford Samuel       | Tripp Algernon O.     |
| Gifford John W.      | Tripp Wilbur D.       |
| Hix Jonathan B.      | Whalon Daniel         |
| Howland Edward A.    | Wood Robert E.        |
| Howland Frank L.     | Wordell David B.      |
| Inman Edward         |                       |

Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax: not to exceed the sum of Three Thousand Dollars.

Voted That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to transfer at their discretion 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 and are hereby authorized to borrow money if order bills incurred for and on account of their respective departments.

Voted To allow and pay the Moderator \$3. for his services.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bristol S. S. April 9th. 1884.

Then personally appeared John B. Parris having been appointed one of the Truant Officers of the Town of Westport for the year ensuing 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.

Westport April 7th. 1884.

Mr. Charles H. Macomber

You have been chosen to serve as a surveyor of lumber measurer of wood and bark in the Town of Westport for the ensuing year and you are 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  
County of Bristol

S. S. Apr. 11. 1884.

Then personally appeared the above named Charles H. Macomber and made oath to the faithful discharge of the trust and duties imposed by the foregoing appointment.

Before me

Henry H. Earl  
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bristol S.S. April 25th. 1884.

Then personally appeared Gehiel Baker having been appointed one of the Juvant 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.

Westport June 28, 1884.  
To the Town Clerk of Westport

At a meeting of the Selectmen this day John C. Macomber was appointed a Registrar of voters for the Town of Westport until the first day of May 1887. Zelotes L. Almy until the first day of May 1886. & William A. Young until the first day of May 1885.

J. C. Brownell } Selectmen  
A. D. Manchester }  
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

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

Westport Aug. 13. 1884.  
We the undersigned registrars of voters for the town of Westport do solemnly swear that we will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of that office

John C. Macomber  
William A. Young  
John A. Macomber 2d.  
Zelotes L. Almy

Westport August 13. 1884.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me.

Charles Fisher  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me  
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 Tuesday the Fourth day of November next at Nine and one half o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz:

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

Art. 2nd. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the old school house in Dist. No. 4.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up two or more 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-fifth day of October Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Four.

J. C. Brownell } Selectmen  
A. D. Manchester }  
H. W. Kirby } Westport

Westport Oct. 25. 1884.

Westport Oct. 30. 1884. I have served this warrant by posting up two copies in the following public places, one at the store of E. E. Sifford, one at the store of S. W. Anthony seven days before the time of said meeting. J. A. Macomber Constable of Westport.  
Town House Westport Nov. 4. 1884. 9 1/2 o'clock A. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Clerk, who appointed Albert D. Manchester teller of votes and he was accordingly sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by the Clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator and sworn.

Voted To authorize the sale of old school house No. 4.

Voted That Samuel A. Lison be authorized to make such sale and pay the net proceeds into the town treasury

Voted To adjourn.

A true record.

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 elections and Town Affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the Fourth day of November next it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in said month at Ten O'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the Selectmen their votes for fourteen electors of President and Vice President of the United States viz: Two at large and one for each congressional District of the Commonwealth, also a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Representative for Congress from first District, Councillor from the first District, County Commissioner, Register of Probate and Insolvency for Bristol County, a Senator from Third Bristol District, a Representative from Seventh Bristol District, all on one Ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more 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 ourselves at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty fifth day of October Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-four.

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

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

Westport Oct. 25. 1884.

Westport Oct. 30th. 1884.

I have served this warrant by posting up four copies in the following public places:

One at the store of A. H. Cory

" " " " " E. E. Gifford

" " " " " S. W. Anthony

" " " " " L. H. Robinson

seven days before the time of said meeting

S. H. Macomber

Constable of Westport.

Town House Nov. 4th. 10 o'clock A. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and warrant read by S. E. Brownell Chairman of the Selectmen, who appointed Isaac D. Earle as teller of the check list and he was qualified to the discharge of his duties by the Town Clerk. Votes were given in for the following persons assented counted and public declaration made thereof in open Town Meeting.

Voted: To close the polls at two o'clock P. M.

At the opening of the polls the Ballot Box Register stood at zero; and at the close of the polls at 331.

For Electors of President and Vice President at large.

|                                   |                            |     |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Whole number of votes             | Three Hundred Thirty One   | 331 |
| Mark Hopkins of Williamstown      | had Two Hundred Eighty One | 281 |
| Thomas Allot of Bellerica         | " Two Hundred Eighty One   | 281 |
| Jonas McFrench of Gloucester      | " Twenty Nine              | 29  |
| Reuben Noble of Westfield         | " Twenty Nine              | 29  |
| Robert C. Pitman of Newton        | " Eighteen                 | 18  |
| Alonzo A. Miner of Boston         | " Eighteen                 | 18  |
| John P. Baker of Beverly          | " Three                    | 3   |
| Albion C. Drinkwater of Braintree | " Three                    | 3   |

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 1.

|                               |                            |     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Whole No. of votes            | Three Hundred Thirty One   | 331 |
| Azariah Eldridge of Dartmouth | had Two Hundred Eighty One | 281 |
| George Defano of New Bedford  | " Twenty Nine              | 29  |
| Charles Almy of New Bedford   | " Eighteen                 | 18  |
| Thomas B. Chase of Harwich    | " Three                    | 3   |

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 2.

|                                |                            |     |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Whole No. of votes             | Three Hundred Thirty One   | 331 |
| Sylvanus M. Staples of Taunton | had Two Hundred Eighty One | 281 |
| Bushrod Morse of Sharon        | " Twenty Nine              | 29  |
| Thomas G. Lothrop of Taunton   | " Eighteen                 | 18  |
| William L. Douglas of Brockton | " Three                    | 3   |

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 3.

|                             |                            |     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Whole No. of votes          | Three Hundred Thirty One   | 331 |
| Arthur W. Tufts of Boston   | had Two Hundred Eighty One | 281 |
| Francis A. Peters of Boston | " Twenty Nine              | 29  |
| Eugene W. Clapp of Boston   | " Eighteen                 | 18  |
| James Sumner of Milton      | " Three                    | 3   |

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 4.

|                                 |                            |     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Whole No. of votes              | Three Hundred Thirty One   | 331 |
| Chenezer M. McPherson of Boston | had Two Hundred Eighty One | 281 |
| Hugh A. Madden of Boston        | " Twenty Nine              | 29  |
| Israel S. Trafton of Boston     | " Eighteen                 | 18  |
| Dennis O'Reilly of Boston       | " Three                    | 3   |



For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 5  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Samuel L. Montague of Cambridge had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 Christopher E. Byrnes of Somerville " Twenty Nine 29  
 James H. Roberts of Cambridge " Eighteen 18  
 Silman F. Jones of Woburn " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 6  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Ezra A. Stevens of Malden had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 Knowles Freeman of Chelsea " Twenty Nine 29  
 George H. Harwood of Lynn " Eighteen 18  
 Henry Hastings of Medford " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 7  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Daniel B. Hagar of Salem had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester " Twenty Nine 29  
 James J. H. Gregory of Marblehead " Eighteen 18  
 Harry H. Hale of Bradford " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 8.  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Charles A. Stott of Lowell had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 John C. Sanborn of Lawrence " Twenty Nine 29  
 James H. Fellows of Lowell " Eighteen 18  
 James H. Carmichael of Lowell " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 9.  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Lucius S. Pratt of Newton had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 James E. Cotter of Hyde Park " Twenty Nine 29  
 Claudius B. Travis of Natick " Eighteen 18  
 Patrick J. Conway of Marlborough " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 10.  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Philip L. Noyes of Worcester had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 Waldo Lincoln of Worcester " Twenty Nine 29  
 Charles Heritage of Warren " Eighteen 18  
 John Flint of Webster " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 11.  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Eli A. Hubbard of Hatfield had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 Festus C. Carrier of Fitchburg " Twenty Nine 29  
 Benjamin Snow of Fitchburg " Eighteen 18  
 William C. Crocker of Montague " Three 3

For Electors of President and Vice President District No. 12.  
 Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 William S. Thurtell of Springfield had Two Hundred Eighty One 281  
 Elisha B. Maynard of Springfield " Twenty Nine 29  
 John Blackmer of Springfield " Eighteen 18  
 William C. Mellen of Chicopee " Three 3

For Governor. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty 330  
 George D. Robinson of Chicopee had Two Hundred Eighty Four 284  
 William C. Endicott of Salem " Twenty Four 24  
 Julius H. Seelye of Amherst " Eighteen 18  
 Matthew G. McElfeet of Worcester " Three 3  
 Weston Wood " One 1

For Lieutenant Governor. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Oliver Ames of Easton had Two Hundred Eighty Six 286  
 James S. Gannett of Greenfield " Twenty Four 24  
 Henry H. Haxon of Quincy " Eighteen 18  
 Albert R. Peice of Springfield " Three 3

For Secretary. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Henry B. Peirce of Wington had Two Hundred Eighty Six 286  
 Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell " Twenty Four 24  
 George Kempton of Sharon " Eighteen 18  
 John P. Sweeney of Lawrence " Three 3

For Treasurer and Receiver General. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had Two Hundred Eighty Six 286  
 Charles Marsh of Springfield " Twenty Four 24  
 Charles B. Knight of Worcester " Eighteen 18  
 Nathaniel S. Cushing of Middleborough " Three 3

For Auditor. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had Two Hundred Eighty Six 286  
 John Hopkins of Millbury " Twenty Four 24  
 William W. Sherman of Lowell " Eighteen 18  
 Israel W. Andrews of Danvers " Three 3

For Attorney General. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty 330  
 Edgar S. Sherman of Lawrence had Two Hundred Eighty Six 286  
 John W. Cummings of Fall River " Twenty Three 23  
 Samuel H. Fairfield of Malden " Eighteen 18  
 Thomas W. Clarke of Boston " Three 3

For Representative to Congress 1st Dist. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One 331  
 Robert J. Davis of Fall River had Two Hundred Eighty Six 286  
 Weston Howland of Fairhaven " Twenty Four 24  
 Edward H. Hatfield of Cottage City " Eighteen 18  
 Timothy D. Stow of Fall River " Three 3



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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Councillor, 1st District Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One | 331 |
| Jonathan Bourne of New Bedford had Two Hundred Eighty Seven              | 287 |
| Isaiah J. Jones of Sandwich " Twenty Three                               | 23  |
| John D. Flint of Fall River " Eighteen                                   | 18  |
| Joshua B. Winslow of New Bedford " Three                                 | 3   |

|                                                                     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For County Commissioner Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One | 331 |
| Henry A. Shaver of Taunton had Three Hundred Thirteen               | 313 |
| Charles Foster of Taunton " Eighteen                                | 18  |

|                                                                                    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Register of Probate and Insolvency Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One | 331 |
| John B. Galligan of Taunton had Three Hundred Thirteen                             | 313 |
| Nathaniel W. Winchester of Fairhaven had Eighteen                                  | 18  |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Senator, 3d Bristol Dist. Whole No. of votes Three Hundred Thirty One | 331 |
| Eben C. Milliken of New Bedford had Two Hundred Eighty Six                | 286 |
| William H. Aiken of Dartmouth " Twenty Seven                              | 27  |
| Isaiah West of New Bedford " Eighteen                                     | 18  |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Representative to the General Court 7th Bristol District Whole Number of votes Three Hundred Five. | 305 |
| Edward C. Almy of Dartmouth had Two Hundred Ninety                                                     | 290 |
| Abram J. Potter " " Fifteen                                                                            | 15  |

Adjourned.

A true record

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

Dartmouth Nov. 5. 1884.

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 town it appears that the names of all persons for whom votes were given in and the number of votes for each was as follows, viz:

|                                                        |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Whole number of ballots cast was Seven Hundred Sixteen | 716 |
| Edward C. Almy of Dartmouth had Five Hundred Sixty Six | 566 |
| William Barker Jr of " " One Hundred Twenty Two        | 122 |
| Abram J. Potter " " Fifteen                            | 15  |
| Stephen M. Andrews " " Thirteen                        | 13  |

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

Recorded by me:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Westport February 4th. 1885.

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. 1884.

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

# Warrant.

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

I 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 6th day of April next at 10 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 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 offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of any person illegally engaged in the traffic of intoxicating liquors within the town
- 5th To see if the town will offer any inducement to manufacturers to locate and establish manufactories and buildings for their respective trades, and if so voted, to determine what inducement shall be offered.
- 6th To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the construction of a bridge across Westport river from Westport Point to Horseneck so called, in accordance with the charter recently granted to the town by the State Legislature, and plans acceptable to the River and Harbor Commissioners of the State of Massachusetts
- 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, military aid, liquidation of town debt and for incidental expenses, also to determine the manner of raising such appropriations.



- 8th To hear the reports of town officers and act thereon.
  - 9th To determine the location of the high school for the ensuing year.
  - 10th 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 may be allowed and paid.
  - 11th To consider the propriety of demanding and collecting interest from tax-payers that have not paid their taxes on or before a specified time.
  - 12th To determine the compensation that shall be allowed the Treasurer Collector of Taxes and Sealer of Weights and Measures
  - 13th 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.
  - 14th To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.
  - 15th To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax.
  - 16th To see if the town will authorize the transfer of surplus money of either department, that may be in the treasury to any department that may be deficient.
  - 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.
  - 18th The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Fence Viewers, Constables, Landings Commissioners, Auditing Committee, Superintendent of Town Cemetery and one special constable agreeable to Chap. 282, Sec. 3. Acts of 1884 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 fourth day of March eighteen hundred and eighty five

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

Westport April 6th. 1885.

I have served this warrant by posting up copies thereof in the following public places seven days before the time of said meeting: 1 at the store of H. W. Cory, 1 at the store of E. E. Gifford, 1 at the store of L. H. Robinson, 1 at the store of S. W. Anthony, S. H. Macomber  
 Constable of the Town of Westport.

Town House Westport April 6. 1885. 10 o'clock A. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled and the following officers were elected and votes were passed.  
 Giles E. Brownell and Harvey W. Kirby were appointed tellers of the check list and votes and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties

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

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 2d. article of this warrant

Voted To proceed to ballot for one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, one Selectman for 3 years, one Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, one Assessor for 3 years, one School Committee for 3 years, 3 Fence Viewers, 4 Landings Commissioners, 4 Constables, one special Constable, 3 Auditing Committee, one Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Giles E. Brownell and Peleg S. Sanford Jr. were appointed tellers of votes and sworn.

Voted To keep the polls open until 1 o'clock P. M.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. No: 25. Yes: 11

The following Officers were elected.

Town Clerk: John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed

Treasurer: John C. Macomber Sworn.

Collector: John C. Macomber Sworn.

Selectman for 3 years: Cortez Allen Sworn.

Overseer of the Poor for 3 years: Edward S. Smith Sworn

Assessor for 3 years: Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn

School Committee: for 3 years: George F. Davis Accepted.



Fence Viewers: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn  
 Samuel A. Sisson Sworn  
 Cook E. Tripp Sworn

Landing Commissioners: Charles Wing Sworn  
 Luther D. Kidder Sworn.  
 Cornelius T. Allen Sworn  
 Cook E. Tripp Sworn

Constables: Samuel H. Macomber Affirmed  
 Daniel M. Sanford Sworn  
 Sylvester C. Manley Sworn  
 George A. Tripp 2d Sworn

Special Constable: John O. Babbitt Sworn

Supt. of Beech Grove Cemetery: Joseph T. Sawton Sworn

Auditing Committee: Henry A. Allen Accepted  
 Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Accepted  
 Christopher Borden Accepted.

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

Voted Not to elect Surveyors of Highway

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted Not to elect 27 Surveyors of Highway for the ensuing year

Voted That ~~Peleg~~ Tripp<sup>sr</sup> be Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Voted To elect the following persons Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood & Bark

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Philander H. Brightman | S Sylvester C. Manley Sworn  |
| Albert F. King Sworn   | Isaac Howland Sworn          |
| Charles H. Macomber    | S Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn |
| William Sifford        | Andrew C. Trafford           |
| Lezander F. Howland    | S George F. Pierce 2d Sworn  |

Voted To elect the following persons Field Drivers:

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Christopher Borden Sworn | Philander W. Macomber Sworn |
| Robert F. Macomber Sworn | George F. Holmes Sworn      |
| George A. Simmons Sworn  | Albert C. Tripp             |
| John O. Babbitt Sworn    | Col. Borden                 |

Voted To elect the following persons Pound Keepers:

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert F. Macomber Sworn    | Edmund L. Sifford     |
| Philander W. Macomber Sworn | John O. Babbitt Sworn |

Voted To elect a Board of Health of 3 persons: Luther D. Kidder<sup>Sworn</sup> was elected.

Voted That the vote whereby Luther D. Kidder was elected one of the Board of Health by hand vote is hereby made legal.

Voted To elect the other members of the Board of Health by Hand Vote.  
 Charles H. Macomber and William Valentine<sup>Sworn</sup> were elected

Voted To offer a reward of \$25. to any person who shall secure the arrest and conviction of any person illegally engaged in the traffic of intoxicating liquors within the town.

Voted That the division of the above reward among different claimants be left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 5th article of the warrant.

Voted To allow H. A. Brown to speak on the bridge question

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 6th. article of the warrant the question to be taken by yeas and nays.  
 Yeas. 136. Nays. 100.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to ascertain by legal counsel in regard to the jurisdiction the Town has over a road on Horseneck and Gooseberry Neck and report at the adjourned meeting

Voted To adjourn until Saturday April 18th at 10 o'clock A. M.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
 Town Clerk.

State of Massachusetts } S.S.  
 County of Bristol

April 9. 1885.

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber and made oath to the faithful performance by him of the duties of of Measurer of Lumber and Measurer of Wood and Bark in the Town of Westport for the ensuing year to which office he had been declared duly elected.

Before me

Henry H. Earle Justice of the Peace

State of Massachusetts } S.S.  
 County of Bristol

Apr. 9th, 1885.

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber and made oath to the faithful performance by him of the duties of a member of the Board of Health in the Town of Westport for the ensuing year to which office he had been declared duly elected.

Before me

Henry H. Earle  
 Justice of the Peace.

The foregoing certificates recorded by me.  
 John A. Macomber 2d.  
 Town Clerk.



Permission is hereby granted to James M. Soule to plant and grow oysters for ten years from date hereof in the waters of Scoaxet river (so called) within the limits of the Town of Westport as follows: commencing at a point or bound at the northeast corner of land belonging to the said James M. Soule said land being known as Barker's Neck thence Easterly in a direct line with the Northern boundary of said land to the channel thence in a southerly direction to a point known as the Harbor Wharf thence Westerly and Northerly along the shore of said James M. Soule to the place of starting said bounded waters to include all the flats, parts of channels and channels within said bounds.

Said planting of oysters shall not however impair the private rights of any person nor materially obstruct the navigable waters within said mete and bounds. Given under our hands this Twenty fourth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty five.

S. E. Brownell } Selectmen  
A. D. Manchester }  
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Received and recorded the above this 14th day of April A.D. 1885.  
A true copy,

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

(Bristol S.S.) To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said county, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Saturday the eighteenth day of April One Thousand eight hundred and eighty five at Nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles viz:

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the widening of a Bridge at the Forge (so called) in the town of Westport.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof, one at the store of Charles H. Macomber North Westport, one at the Post Office at Westport, one at the Post Office at Central Village, one at the store of A. H. Gory Westport Point in the said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the

town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Ninth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen of  
H. W. Kirby } Westport.

Westport April 11. 1885.

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in the following public places  
/ at the Post Office Westport Point

" " " " " So. "

" " " " " No. "

" " " " " " "

" " " " " " "

Central Village  
in the Town of Westport  
S. H. Macomber Constable  
of the Town of Westport

Town House Westport April 18th. 9 o'clock A.M.  
Albert D. Manchester and Charles W. Kirby were appointed tellers of votes and sworn by the Clerk.  
Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator and qualified by the Clerk

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to view the Bridge at the forge and report the most feasible plan of action at a special meeting that may be called for said purpose.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

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



Town House April 18th. 1885. 10 o'clock A. M.  
The annual meeting met agreeable to adjournment.

Voted: That the ruling of the Moderator be sustained in regard to the reconsideration of a vote to indefinitely postpone.

Voted: That the vote whereby article six of the warrant was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered and that the vote on this motion be taken by ballot and the use of the check list. Yes. 91. No. 139.

Harvey W. Kibby and Peleg S. Sanford Jr. were appointed tellers and sworn by the Clerk.

Voted To appropriate \$4000. For the repairs of Highway and Bridges  
" " 4000. " " support of School.  
" " 200. " " military Aid  
" " 1150. " " liquidation of the Town Debt.  
" " 3500. " " the support of Papers  
" " 400. " " repairs of School Houses and Lot.  
" " 350. " " purchase of School Books and supplies  
" " 400. " " incidental expenses  
" " 1000. " " the payment of Town Officers & Committees

Voted To grant and raise by taxation on the Poll estates and Non Resident tax payers of the town the sum of \$15000.

Voted That the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Voted That the report of the Overseers of the Poor be accepted and placed on file

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

Voted To accept the report of the Board of Government of Beech Grove Cemetery

Voted To adopt the rule of the Board of Government in relation to Beech Grove Cemetery.

Voted To lay the report of the Selectmen in relation to the road on the Horseback and Gooseberry neck on the table.

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

Voted That the High School be located at the Head of Westport the first half of the year and at Westport Point the last half

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted That the High School be located at the Head of Westport for the ensuing year.

Voted To lay article 10th on the table.

Voted That the Collector complete the collection of all taxes on or before Nov. 3d. 1885 and that interest on all remaining taxes at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be collected and that the Collector issue summons to all delinquent tax payers on and after Jan. 1. 1886.

Voted That the Treasurer be allowed 1/2 of 1 per cent. on all payments from the treasury.

Voted That the Collector be allowed one per cent. on all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury

Voted That the salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures be \$20.

Voted To allow Surveyors \$1.75 per day for labor on Highways

" " Laborers 1.50 " " " " " "

" " pair of horses 2.00 " " " " " "

" " one horse 1.00 " " " " " "

" " pair of oxen 2.00 " " " " " "

" " Cart .25 " " " " " "

" " Scraper .25 " " " " " "

" " Stone Digger .25 " " " " " "

" " Plough .10 per hour while in actual use.

Voted To reconsider the vote whereby we voted not to elect Surveyors of Highways.

Voted To elect 27 Surveyors of Highways the following were elected viz:

Jonathan Gifford Sworn

Frederic W. Gidley Sworn

Samuel A. Sisson Sworn

William Caldwell Sworn

Isaac B. Macomber Sworn

Robert E. Wood Sworn

James A. Gifford Affirmed

David R. Tripp Sworn

Jonathan H. Pierce Sworn

Robert F. Macomber Sworn

Joshua N. Wordell

David B. Wordell Sworn

Asa R. Howland Sworn

Samuel H. Demoranville Sworn

Gethro Tallman Sworn.

Frederic A. Howland Sworn.

Isaac Howland Sworn.

John Beattie Jr. Sworn.

John R. Tripp Sworn

Robert C. Tripp Sworn

Augustus M. Mosher Sworn

Daniel M. Sanford Sworn

Charles E. Kirby Sworn

George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn

Eli W. Blossom Sworn

Christopher Borden Sworn

Samuel A. Peckham Sworn

Voted To amend the list of jurors by adding the name of John A. Wilcox  
" " " " " " " " " " " " " Charles R. Tallman.

Voted To accept the list of jurors as amended viz:

Allen Abraham E.

Allen Job.

Almy Leleto L.

Booth Squire S.

Babbitt John O.

Blossom Eli W.

Borden Charles W.

Brightman William O.

Beane Charles E.



Cornell Oliver  
Crafo Holder D.  
Caldwell William

Davis Rodney N.  
Davol Samuel B.

Gammons Matthias E.  
Gifford Samuel  
Gifford John W.  
Gifford Jonathan  
Hix Jonathan B.

Lawton William A.

Macomber Charles F.  
Mosher Sherman W.  
Manchester Abraham E.

Potter George  
Potter Eli A.

Snell Isaac E.  
Soule James W.  
Sanford Beleg S. Jr

Taylor John C.  
Tripp Benjamin F. 2d.  
Tripp Algine J.  
Tripp Cyrus W.  
Tallman Charles R.

Valentine William

Whalon Daniel  
Wood Robert E.  
Wordell Rufus E.  
Wood Albert J.  
Wilcox John A.

Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow money if necessary in anticipation of the tax.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen to hire not to exceed \$4000. in anticipation of the taxes of the current year and to issue notes of the Town therefor and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Voted To authorize the Auditing Committee to transfer surplus money either department that may be in the treasury to any department that may be deficient.

Voted That the town hereby authorize the boards of officers to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.

Voted To allow and pay the Moderator \$5. for his services.

Voted To adjourn

A true record

Attest,

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

State of Massachusetts. County of Bristol S. S. On this 25th day of April A. D. 1885 personally appeared before me Joshua N. Wordell and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the trust reposed in him by the within appointment, of Surveyor of Highways in the Town of Westport

Robert M. Winslow  
Justice of the Peace

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

Westport April 25. 1885.

To John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

We have this day appointed Giles E. Brownell Registrar of voters in place of John C. Macomber resigned and Joseph C. Little to serve for three years from May 1. 1885.

A. D. Manchester  
H. W. Kirby  
Cortez Allen } Selectmen  
of  
Westport

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

Westport Sept. 9. 1885.

Personally appeared Giles E. Brownell and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of a register of voters in the Town of Westport

Before me  
Isaac Howland Justice of the Peace

Joseph C. Little having been appointed one of the Registers of the Town of Westport Personally appeared before me and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of said office

Sept 8. 1885 }

George E. Gifford 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 in said county.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Tuesday the twenty third day of June at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To hear the report of the committee appointed at a special meeting held April 18th. 1885. to examine and report upon the condition of the bridge across the stream at the Forge (so called) and to see if the town will vote to construct a new bridge across said stream in accordance with the recommendations contained in said report to make an appropriation therefor and also to determine the manner of raising the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four attested copies thereof at as many different public places in the said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty five.

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. D. Manchester | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Westport. |
| H. W. Kirby      |                                |
| Cortez Allen     |                                |

Westport June 16th. 1885.

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

1 at the Post Office at Westport Point  
 " " " " " " Westport  
 " " " " " " South Westport  
 " " " " " " North Westport  
 " " " " " " Central Village  
 in the town of Westport

S. H. Macomber  
 Constable of Westport

Town House Westport ~~June~~ June 23. 1885. 2 o'clock P. M.

Cortez Allen was appointed teller of votes and sworn by the Clerk.

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

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to the Forge bridge

Voted To allow Mr. Towne to address the meeting.

Voted That we build an iron bridge across the stream at the forge across the stream at the forge according to the recommendation of the committee.

Voted That the Selectmen procure a bridge suitable for the place

Voted That the treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire not to exceed (\$2000) Two Thousand Dollars for the construction of a bridge and approaches at the forge (so called) in anticipation of the taxes of the years 1886 and 1887 and to issue notes of the the Town therefore and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Voted To adjourn

A true record.

Attest:

John A. Macomber, Jr.  
 Town Clerk.



Bristol &c. To either of the Constables of the town of Westport in said County, Greeting:

~~Massachusetts~~ In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Westport on Tuesday the third day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month at Ten of the clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, a Lieutenant governor a secretary of state a treasurer and receiver general, a councillor for District No. 1. a county commissioner and treasurer for Bristol County, a register of Deeds for the South Bristol District, a senator for the Third Bristol Senatorial District, and one representative for the Seventh Bristol District all of the above named officers to be voted for on one ballot. Also at the same time and place to bring in their ballots Yes or No upon the following: Shall the Constitution of the State of Massachusetts be so amended as to provide for Precinct Voting in Towns. The polls will open at Ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at Two o'clock P. M.

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

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty five

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
H. W. Leary }  
Cortez Allen } Westport

Westport November 2d. 1885.  
I have served this warrant four attested copies in the following public places seven days before the time for holding said meeting:

at the store of A. H. Cory  
" " " " C. E. Gifford  
" " " " S. W. Drithons  
" " " " C. H. Macomber

S. H. Macomber  
Constable  
of Westport

Town House Nov. 3. 1885. 10 o'clock A. M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and warrant read by A. D. Manchester Chairman of the Selectmen who appointed Charles W. Borden Teller of the check list and he was qualified to the discharge of his duties by the town clerk. Votes were given in for the following persons assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting.

At the opening of the Polls the Ballot Box was empty and the register stood at zero: and at the close of the polls 218. Count of the checks on the list was 215. Count of the ballots was 218.

For Governor. Whole no. of votes Two Hundred Seventeen 217  
George D. Robinson of Chicopee had One Hundred Seventy Five 175  
Frederic Q. Prince of Boston " Nineteen 19  
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton " Twenty Three 23

For Lieutenant Governor, Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Seventeen 217  
Oliver Ames of Easton had One Hundred Seventy Five 175  
Henry H. Gilmore of Cambridge " Nineteen 19  
Charles B. Knight of Worcester " Twenty Three 23

For Secretary, Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Eighteen 218  
Henry B. Peirce of Abington had One Hundred Seventy Six 176  
Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell " Nineteen 19  
George Rempton of Sharon " Twenty Three 23

For Treasurer & Receiver General Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Eighteen 218  
Hanson W. Bead of Boston had One Hundred Seventy Six 176  
Henry M. Cross of Newburyport " Nineteen 19  
Cladius B. Travo of Natick " Twenty Three 23

For Auditor Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Eighteen 218  
Charles B. Ladd of Springfield had One Hundred Seventy Six 176  
James C. Delaney of Holyoke had Nineteen 19  
William W. Sherman of Lowell " Twenty Three 23

For Attorney General Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Eighteen 218  
Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence had One Hundred Seventy Six 176  
Henry H. Braler of Fall River " Nineteen 19  
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden " Twenty Three 23

For Councillor Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Seventeen 217  
Jonathan Bourne of New Bedford had One Hundred Seventy Seven 177  
Philander Cobb of Kingston " Seventeen 17  
Edward L. Hyde of Middleboro " Twenty Three 23

For Senator Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Eighteen 218  
Eben C. Milliken of New Bedford had One Hundred Seventy Six 176  
James C. Stafford " " " Nineteen 19  
Leajah West " " " Twenty Three 23



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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For County Commissioner Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Sixteen | 216 |
| Killy E. Terry of New Bedford had One Hundred Seventy Four     | 174 |
| Frederick D. Richards of Attleboro " Nineteen                  | 19  |
| Shearjashub T. Wall of New Bedford " Twenty Three              | 23  |
| For County Treasurer, Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Eighteen  | 218 |
| George F. Pratt of Taunton One Hundred Ninety Five             | 195 |
| Charles Foster of " had Twenty Three                           | 23  |
| For Register of Deeds, Whole No. of votes One Hundred Ninety   | 190 |
| George B. Richmond of New Bedford had One Hundred Fifty Two    | 152 |
| Benjamin F. Hathaway Jr. " Seventeen                           | 17  |
| Nathaniel W. Winchester of Fairhaven " Twenty One              | 21  |
| For Representative, Whole No. of votes Two Hundred Fifteen     | 215 |
| Cortez Allen of Westport had One Hundred Forty Four            | 144 |
| Eli P. Lawton " " Forty Seven                                  | 47  |
| Charles H. Macomber of " " Twenty Four                         | 24  |
| Amendment to the Constitution, Whole No. of votes Thirty Six   | 36  |
| Geo 19 Nineteen                                                | 19  |
| No. 17 Seventeen                                               | 17  |

A. true record

Attest

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Dartmouth Nov. 4th. 1885.

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 and the number of votes for each was as follows. Viz:

|                                                         |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Whole No. of Ballots cast was Four Hundred Twenty Three | 423 |
| Cortez Allen of Westport had Two Hundred Eighty One     | 281 |
| Eli P. Lawton " " One Hundred & Ten                     | 110 |
| Charles H. Macomber of " " Thirty Two                   | 32  |

John 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 4th. 1885.

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 November 3d. 1885.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

To John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk

We have this day appointed Eli Handy Registrar of Voters in place of Joseph C. Little deceased and to serve during the unexpired term of said Joseph C. Little.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
W. W. Kirby }  
Westport.

Westport Jan 30. 1886

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S. S. Mar. 8. 86/

Then personally appeared the within named Eli Handy and made oath to perform the duties of Register of Voters according to his best knowledge and belief

John W. Gifford  
Justice of Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.



Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the town of Westport in said County, 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 in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Monday the fifth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:-

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2 To see if the Town will accept of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77, Chapter Twenty Seven of the Public Statutes said sections of said chapter being in relation to the election of Road Commissioners.
- 3 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing or for the term for which they are elected.
- 4 To make appropriations for the following purposes viz: for support of schools, school houses and lots, highways and bridges, support of paupers, incidental expenses, town officers and committees, town debt and interest, military aid and State Aid
- 5 To determine the manner of rebuilding the bridge located on the old County Road (so called) and near the store at Westport Village occupied by S. W. Anthony also to appropriate a sum of money for said purpose.
- 6 To see if the town will vote to erect a temporary bridge of wood near the bridge located as in article fifth and to make an appropriation for that purpose
- 7 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen of Westport to build a bridge from Westport Point to the Horseneck and also to see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for said purpose.
- 8 To see if the town will vote to purchase a stone crusher and engine, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.
- 9 To see if the town will vote to pay Lawson Phillips the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) for bodily injury and damage to his property, alleged to have been caused by want of repair or want of sufficient railing in or upon a highway in the town of Westport and to make an appropriation for said purpose.
- 10 To see if the town will vote to pay John F. Hicks the sum of Thirty Dollars (\$30) for bodily injury and damage to his property alleged to have been caused by a defect in, and want of repair on the highway leading from Central Village to Siffords Corner (so called) and to make an appropriation for said purpose.

- 11 To see if the town will change the time of holding its annual meeting from the first Monday of April to such time in the month of March as may be determined upon.
- 12 To see if the town will vote to purchase Union Hall (so called) at Central Village for a Town Hall, and to make an appropriation for said purpose.
- 13 To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray town charges for the ensuing year.
- 14 To see if the town will approve of changing the road wall in front of the farm of the late Isaac S. Brightman at Westport Point so as to form a straight line with the road wall to the South of said farm
- 15 To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon
- 16 To see if the town will vote to pay the Town of Dartmouth the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$175.51) said amount having been paid by said town to the authorities of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for the support of Rozella Mosher for the year ending Jan. 1. 1886.
- 17 To determine the salaries of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.
- 18 To determine the amount of wages per day or hour to be paid for labor on the Highway the ensuing year for the following purposes viz: for surveyor, common laborer, one pair oxen, pair of horses, one horse, plough, cart, scraper and stone digger
- 19 To see if the town will accept of the list of the names of jurors for the ensuing year as prepared by the Selectmen.
- 20 To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of tax.
- 21 To see if the town will authorize the transfer of unappropriated money or of any amounts that may be unexpended in any department to any or either department in which there is a deficit.
- 22 To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to apply to the General Court for a special act, if necessary authorizing said Selectmen to lease the oyster beds in Westport Rivers.
- 23 To see if the town will choose three fish commissioners to protect the interests of the town against the unlawful encroachment of all persons.
- 24 To see if the town will maintain a suit at law against Andrew Hicks if one should occur from the collection of a Personal Property Tax as assessed against said Hicks by the Assessors for the year 1885.



- 25 To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.
- 26 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.
- 27 To see if the town will allow a discount for the prompt payment of Taxes and to determine the rate per cent of said discount also to fix the time at which discount shall cease to be allowed
- 28 To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time and to determine the rate per cent of said interest
- 29 The Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, Collector, Constables, Fence Viewers, Landing Commissioners, Auditing Committee, Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery and a Special Constable to be voted for on one ballot. Also at the same time and place Yes or No, upon the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Westport the ensuing year?

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many different public places within said town seven days at least before the time of holding 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 meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this Twenty-second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
H. W. Kirby }  
Cortez Allen } Westport.

Westport March 30th 1886.  
I have served this warrant by posting up four attested copies in the following public places.  
at the store of A. H. Carr  
/ " " " " W. E. Davis  
/ " " " " J. W. Anthony  
/ " " " " E. H. Macomber  
seven days before the time of holding said meeting.  
S. H. Macomber  
Constable of  
Westport.

1886  
Town House Westport April 5th 9 o'clock A. M.  
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of the Town assembled and the following officers were elected and votes were passed.

Harvey W. Kirby was appointed teller of the votes and check list for Moderator and sworn by the Clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected Moderator and qualified by the Clerk

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

Voted: To elect by ballot one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, One Selectman for 3 years, One Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, one Assessor for 3 years, One School Committee for 3 years, Three Fence Viewers, Four Landing Commissioners, Five Constables, One Special Constable Three Boards of Health, Three Auditing Committee, One Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Oliver S. Sanford Jr. was appointed teller of the votes and check list and sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by the Clerk.

Voted That the polls be now closed

Voted That we take a recess of half an hour.

The following officers were elected viz:

Town Clerk: John A. Macomber 2d Affirmed.

Treasurer: John C. Macomber Sworn.

Collector of Taxes: John C. Macomber Sworn.

Selectman for 3 years: John C. Macomber Sworn

Overseer of Poor for 3 years: Albert D. Manchester Affirmed.

Assessor for 3 years: Henry A. Allen Sworn.

School Committee for 3 years: Everett L. Manchester Accepted.

Fence Viewers: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn

Samuel A. Sisson Sworn

Cook E. Tripp Sworn

Landing Commissioners: Charles Wing  
Luther D. Kiddle Sworn  
Cornelius T. Allen Sworn  
Cook E. Tripp Sworn.



Constables: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn  
George A. Tripp 2d. Sworn  
Uriah G. Pierce Sworn  
Frederic A. Howland  
Samuel A. Peckham Sworn

Special Constable: John A. Babbitt Sworn

Board of Health: Charles A. Gould Sworn  
Charles W. Macomber  
William Valentine Sworn

Auditing Committee: Peleg S. Sanford Accepted  
Henry A. Allen Accepted  
Christopher Borden Accepted

Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery: Joseph T. Lawton Sworn

Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors  
in the Town of Westport the ensuing year?  
No! One Hundred Seventy Nine (179) Yes. Six (6).

Voted To proceed to the election of other Officers

Voted To elect 27 Surveyors of Highways viz:

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Jonathan Gifford Sworn    | David R. Tripp Sworn         |
| Gettie Tallman Sworn      | George S. Lawton Sworn       |
| Frederic W. Sidley Sworn  | Albert C. Kirby Sworn        |
| Frederic A. Howland Sworn | Charles E. Kirby Sworn       |
| Samuel A. Sisson Sworn    | Robert F. Macomber Sworn     |
| Isaac Howland Sworn       | George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn   |
| William Caldwell Sworn    | Edmund L. Gifford Sworn      |
| Michael Wainer Sworn      | Rufus E. Wordell             |
| Isaac B. Macomber Sworn   | Daniel Whalon Sworn          |
| John C. Tripp Sworn       | Christopher Borden Sworn     |
| Robert E. Wood Sworn      | Isa R. Howland Sworn         |
| Robert C. Tripp Sworn     | Samuel A. Peckham Sworn      |
| Anderson S. Dunham Sworn  | Samuel W. Demoranville Sworn |
| Pardon Z. Petty           |                              |

Voted To elect one-Scaler of Weights and Measures viz: Preserved Tripp

Voted To elect 10 Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark viz:

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Philander H. Brightman    | Sylvester C. Manley Sworn  |
| Albert F. King Sworn      | Preserved Tripp Sworn      |
| Charles W. Macomber Sworn | Peleg S. Sanford Jr Sworn  |
| William Gifford           | Andrew R. Trafford         |
| Isaac F. Howland Sworn    | George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn |

Voted To elect Field Drivers, viz:

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| George W. B. Brownell       | John A. Babbitt Sworn    |
| Frederic W. Sisson Sworn    | Leonard M. Sanford Sworn |
| Uriah G. Pierce Sworn       | Christopher Borden Sworn |
| Robert F. Macomber Sworn    | Thomas B. Sherman Sworn  |
| Philander W. Macomber Sworn | Horace M. Gibson Sworn   |
| Sylvester C. Manley         | Zebedee E. Davis         |

Voted To elect 4 Pound Keepers, viz:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Robert F. Macomber Sworn | John F. White    |
| Rufus E. Wordell         | Zebedee E. Davis |

Voted To lay article 3 upon the table

Voted To appropriate \$4000. for the support of schools

|   |   |      |   |                                   |
|---|---|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| " | " | 150. | " | repairs of school houses and lots |
| " | " | 5000 | " | " Highway and Bridges             |
| " | " | 3500 | " | support of Paupers.               |
| " | " | 100  | " | Incidental Expenses               |
| " | " | 1000 | " | Town Officers and Committees      |
| " | " | 200  | " | the purchase of school Books      |
| " | " | 200  | " | Military Aid                      |
| " | " | 1000 | " | Town Debt and Interest            |

Voted That when we adjourn it be until Saturday April 17 that 10 o'clock A.M.

Voted To lay article 3 on the table

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized To build a temporary bridge south of the old bridge with such material as they shall deem best.

Voted To appropriate \$500. for the temporary bridge

Voted To take article 5 from the table.

Voted To hereby authorize and instruct the Selectmen to remove what remains of the old bridge piers and abutments referred to in Article 5.

Voted To rebuild the abutments

Voted That said work shall be done by the day by men hired in the town under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Voted That the Selectmen shall build or purchase a wooden bridge to replace the old one where and of whom they can in their own discretion make it for the best interest of the Town

Voted To appropriate \$600. to rebuild the abutments and bridge



Voted That we now adjourn

A true record

West:  
John A. Macomber ed.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S.

North Westport April 9th 1886.

Then personally appeared the within named Edmund S. Gifford and was qualified to act as Surveyor of highways before me

C. H. Macomber  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber ed.  
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Bristol S.S.

Fall River April 10. 1886.

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber and was duly qualified for the office of Surveyor of Lumber and Measurer of Wood and Bark of the town of Westport for the ensuing year.

Before me  
Milton Reed  
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber ed.  
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Mass.

Bristol S.S.

North Westport April 13th. 1886

Then personally appear Uriah G. Pierce of Westport and qualified himself to perform the duties of Constable and of Field Driver for the year ensuing.

before me  
Charles H. Macomber  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber ed.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S. Commonwealth of Mass.

North Westport April 15th 1886.

You Robert F. Macomber having been elected Surveyor of Highways, Field Driver & Pound Keeper for the year ensuing. Solemnly Swear to faithfully perform the duties of said offices. So help you God.  
Then personally appeared the above named Robert F. Macomber and qualified as above

Before me  
Charles H. Macomber  
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber ed.  
Town Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting Town House Westport April 17. 1886.

Voted To take Article 3 from the table for action, the following officers were elected by ballot

Board of Health: Luther D. Bidder

Landing Commissioner: Charles Wing Sworn

Constable: Henry B. Tripp Sworn

The following officers were elected by hand vote

Surveyors of Highways: George F. Wood

Eli W. Blossom Sworn

Sealer of Weights and Measures: William A. Sisson Sworn

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark:

William Valentine

Daniel M. Sanford Sworn

Leander A. Borden Sworn

William Clark

Field Drivers: George F. Holmes

Humphrey H. Wordell

Reuben H. Wood Sworn

Pound Keepers: Humphrey H. Wordell

Edward E. Gifford Sworn

Jacob Cornell

Voted To allow Mr. Towne to address the meeting in regard to the bridge question



- Voted Not to reconsider the vote whereby the town voted to authorize the Selectmen to build a wooden bridge at the Head of Westport
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Article 7.
- Voted To allow William Hawes to speak on Article 8.
- Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a Stone Crusher and Engine for the use of the town.
- Voted To appropriate not to exceed \$2000. to purchase a Stone Crusher and Engine.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 9.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 10.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 11.
- Voted Not to purchase Union Hall for a Town Hall  
48 Seas. 56 Nays.
- Voted To grant and raise a sum of money equal to the amount of appropriations by taxation on the polls, estates and non-resident tax payers of the town
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Article 14.
- 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 excuse the Selectmen from making a report in regard to the cemetery this year.
- Voted To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners and place it on file
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Article 16.
- Voted That the Treasurer be allowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent on all payments from the treasury; and the Collector of Taxes be allowed 1 per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury.
- Voted That the salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures be \$20.
- Voted That the compensation for labor on the Highways be the same as last year.
- Voted To accept the list of names of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen viz:  
Almy Zelotes L. Blossom Eli W.

- Borden Charles W.  
Borden Jonathan  
Brownell Horatio H.
- Macomber Elisha S.  
Macomber Charles F.  
Manchester Abraham C.
- Cornell Oliver  
Caldwell William  
Chase Jonathan
- Beckham Samuel A.  
Peirce Jonathan H.  
Petty George F. 2d.  
Potter George
- Davis Rodney N.
- Snell Isaac C.  
Sawle James H.  
Sanford Peleg S. Jr.
- Earl Isaac D.
- Grinnell Philip L.  
Gammone Matthias C.  
Gifford Samuel  
Gifford John W.  
Gifford John  
Gifford Richard S.
- Taylor John C.  
Tripp Benjamin F. 2d.  
Tripp John B.  
Tripp Eli A.  
Tripp Algerine C.
- Hicks Jonathan B.
- Whalon Daniel  
Wood Robert E.  
Woodell Rufus C.  
Wing Charles
- Kirby Charles E.
- Leawton William A.

- Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to hire if necessary, not to exceed \$8000. in anticipation of the taxes of the present year
- Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to transfer from unappropriated money, or from any amounts that may be unexpended in any department to any or either department in which there is a deficit.
- Voted To instruct and authorize the Selectmen to apply to the General Court for a special act if necessary authorizing said Selectmen to lease the oyster beds in Westport Rivers.  
Seas: 108 Nays: 10.
- Voted To chose 3 Fish Commissioners by ballot
- Voted To close the polls in 15 minutes.
- William Valentine<sup>sworn</sup> and Christopher Borden<sup>sworn</sup> were elected.
- Voted To proceed to ballot for 1 Fish Commissioner.  
To close the polls in 5 minutes.
- James M. Sowle<sup>sworn</sup> was elected.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Article 24.



- Voted To locate the High School at Westport Point for the ensuing year
- Voted To authorize the several Boards of Officers to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments; not however to exceed the amount of appropriation for each department.
- Voted To allow no discount for the prompt Payment of Taxes
- Voted To charge six per cent interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time.
- Voted That interest on taxes commence on the 2d. day of November next.
- Voted To allow the Moderator \$5. for his services.
- Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.D. April 22d. 1886

Then personally appeared Eli W. Blossom  
of Westport and was qualified to perform the duties of Surveyor  
of Highway for the ensuing year

Before me

C. H. Macomber  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk

Westport April 22. 1886.

William A. Sisson having been chosen sealer of  
weights & measures for the year ensuing personally appeared  
and made oath in due form to the faithful performance of  
said office

Before me

Leaac Howland  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk

Westport April 30. 1886

To the Town Clerk of the Town of Westport:

We the Selectmen of Westport  
have this day appointed Zebias S. Almy Registrar of voters for the three years  
next ensuing from May 1. 1886.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen of  
J. C. Macomber } Westport.

Recorded by me:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.D.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport  
in said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of  
the Town of Westport, qualified to vote in elections and in town  
affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Saturday  
the eighth day of May next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon  
then and there to act on the following articles:-

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2 To see if the town will vote to build an iron bridge with stone  
abutments on the Old County road (so called) where said road  
crosses the stream in Westport Village and near the store  
occupied by S. W. Anthony; Also to see if the town will instruct  
the Selectmen to build a temporary wooden bridge at such place  
as they may deem for the best interest of the public for public travel  
while said iron bridge and abutments are being constructed, and  
to make the necessary appropriations for said purposes. Also  
if voted to build an iron bridge to repeal all votes upon articles  
5 and 6 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for the year  
1886, as recorded upon the records of the town and inconsistent  
with any vote that may be taken and carried upon this article.
- 3 To see if the town will repeal its votes upon Article 8. of the  
warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 1886 whereby  
it voted to instruct and authorize the Selectmen to purchase a  
stone crusher and engine and whereby it voted to appropriate  
the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) to pay for the same.
- 4 To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to make  
such changes in the amount of appropriation to be raised  
by taxation as will correspond with the votes that may be  
taken and carried upon articles 2 and 3 of this warrant.



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

and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen

J. C. Macomber } Westport

A true copy Attest:  
Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of  
Westport.

Westport April 30. 1886.

To the within warrant directed 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 B. Macomber

one at the store of Sidney W. Anthony

one at the store of Henry E. Davis

one at the store of Ralph Brothers

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of  
Westport.

Westport May 8. 1886. 11 o'clock A. M.

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

John C. Macomber was appointed teller of the check list and sworn by the clerk.

John Beattie Jr. was elected Moderator and sworn by the clerk

Voted To use the check list on the questions in the warrant

Voted To reconsider the votes whereby we voted to use the check list on the questions in the warrant.

Voted To lay Article 2 on the table Yeas. 50. Nays. 21.

Voted Not to lay Article 3 on the table.

Voted To use the check list on the following question.

Voted To repeal the vote taken on Article 8 of the warrant of the annual meeting of 1886 whereby the town voted to purchase a stone crusher and engine.  
Yeas 86. No. 20.

Voted To indefinitely <sup>postpone</sup> further action on article 3.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 4.

Voted To adjourn without day.

A. true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County, 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 in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of May 1886 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2 To see if the legal voters of the town of Westport will vote to repeal any or all votes that were passed at the annual meeting held on the first Monday of April last whereby they authorized the Selectmen to build a temporary and a permanent bridge at the Head of the East river (re called).

3 To see if the town will appoint a committee of practical men to superintend the construction of said bridges

4 To see if the town will vote to repair the stone bridge at said place.

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

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

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
Cortez Allen }  
J. C. Macomber } Westport



Westport May 25. 1886.

I have served the within warrant by posting up four attested copies seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

- one at the store of Charles W. Macomber
- one at the store of Sydney W. Anthony
- one at the store of Henry E. Davis
- one at the store of Tripp Brothers

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of Westport.

Westport May 26. 1886. 2 o'clock P. M.

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

Albert D. Manchester was appointed teller of the check list and qualified by the clerk.  
John Beattie Jr. was unanimously elected Moderator and qualified by the clerk.

Voted That the vote passed at the annual meeting held the first Monday in April last whereby the meeting voted to authorize the Selectmen to build a temporary and permanent bridges at the head of the river (so called) be and is hereby repealed.

Voted To lay article 3 on the table

Voted That we do repair the stone bridge at said place forthwith.

Voted To take article 3 from the table

Voted That we indefinitely postpone further action on the 3d article of the warrant.

Voted That we do now adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County, 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 in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Thursday the seventeenth day of June 1886 at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2 To see if the town will accept of the town ways laid out by the Selectmen June 1st 1886, and reported to the town by said Selectmen as the law directs, and to make an appropriation therefor.
- 3 To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to cause stone monuments to be erected at all stations or angles and such other places upon the town ways as laid out by them June 1st 1886 as may be necessary to permanently mark said town ways.

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

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

Given under our hands this seventh day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
J. C. Macomber } of  
Westport

Westport June 17. 1886.

I have served the within warrant on 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 four attested copies of the same

- one at the store of Charles W. Macomber
- one at the store of Henry E. Davis
- one at the store of Tripp Brothers
- one at the store of Sydney W. Anthony

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable  
Westport.



Town House, Westport, June 17th, 2 oclock P. M.

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

Albert D. Manchester was appointed teller of votes and check list and qualified by the clerk

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected moderator and qualified by the clerk.

Voted On motion, Not to accept the lay out of the town ways as laid out by the Selectmen June 1st 1886, on the Horse neck  
Yeas: 12. Nos: 15.

Voted To accept the lay out of the first Town way on the Horse neck from the place of beginning to Station 3.  
Yeas: 14. Nos: 13.

Voted To accept the lay out of a Town way from the lot to the sea.

Voted To accept the lay out of a Town way from Station 3. to the Sea

Voted To accept the lay out of a Town way from near Station 2. to the Sea

Voted To accept the lay out of a Town way from Station 3. to the sea at Horse neck Point

Voted To accept of the agreement made between Josiah Wood and the Selectmen in relation to paving.

Voted To have the east way according to the agreement made with Josiah Wood.

Voted Not to accept the report as a whole of the Selectmen in relation to the laying out of Town ways on the Horse neck

Voted To adjourn without day

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk

Westport Sept. 3d, 1886.

Then personally appeared Zelotes L. Almy and solemnly affirmed that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties imposed on him as one of the registrars of voters for the Town of Westport.

Before me

Charles Fisher  
Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk

Westport July 3, 1886.

To John A. Macomber 2d.

We have this day appointed <sup>accepted</sup> George S. Lawton, John R. Tripp, <sup>Sworn</sup> and Charles Wing <sup>Sworn</sup> forest fire wards to serve as such until their successors in office are appointed

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
Cortez Allen }  
J. C. Macomber } Westport

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County?

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 in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Saturday the twenty fifth day of September 1886 at two oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To Choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To see what action the Town will take in relation to a suit at law brought by Andrew Hicks against the inhabitants of the town of Westport to recover a certain sum of money paid by said Hicks under protest to the Collector of said Town for personal tax assessed on said Hicks for the year 1885.
3. To see if the Town will take the necessary measures to legalize the action of Isaac Howland one of the Surveyors of Westport in widening and otherwise altering the Bridge at the Head of Westport.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies in as many different Public places in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding 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 meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day



of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
J. C. Macomber }  
Kortez Allen } Westport

Westport Sept. 25th. 1886.

I have served this warrant by posting up four attested copies seven days before said meeting, one at the store of Zebedee E. Davis, one at the store of Sydney W. Anthony, one at the store of Henry E. Davis, one at the store of Tripp Brothers.

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of  
Westport.

Town House Westport Sept. 25. 1886. 2 o'clock P. M.

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

A. D. Manchester & J. C. Macomber were appointed tellers of votes and qualified by the clerk.

John Beattie Jr. was unanimously elected Moderator and sworn by the clerk.

Voted To sustain the assessors in their action in taxing Andrew Hicks for the year 1885.

Voted To appoint Peleg S. Sanford to represent the town in the suit of Andrew Hicks against the town.

Voted To excuse Peleg S. Sanford from serving.

Voted To appoint John W. Gifford to represent the town in the suit of Andrew Hicks against the Town of Westport.

Voted That the Town accept the work as done on the bridge at the Head of the River and that the Selectmen be instructed to apply to the Harbor Commissioners for a license for the same and a continuance of the work as per plan to be submitted to the Harbor Commissioners.

Voted To adjourn without day.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk

Bristol S. S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County

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 in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport on Monday the Fourth day of October next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:—

1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2 To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen in behalf of the town to petition the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to legalize the action of Isaac Howland in widening a certain bridge across tide-waters in said town. said bridge being located at the Head of Westport.

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

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

Given under our hands this Twenty-fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
J. C. Macomber }  
Kortez Allen } Westport

Westport Oct. 4th. 1886.

I have served this warrant by posting up three attested copies seven days before said meeting one at the store of Charles H. Macomber, one at the store of Sydney W. Anthony, one at the store of Henry E. Davis.

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport, Oct. 4th. 1886. 2 o'clock P. M.

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

J. C. Macomber and A. D. Manchester were appointed tellers of votes and qualified by the clerk.

John Beattie Jr. was unanimously elected Moderator and sworn by the clerk.



Voted: That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and instructed in behalf of the Town of Westport to petition the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license legalizing the action of Isaac Howland in widening a certain bridge across tide water in said town: Said bridge being located at the Head of Westport

Voted: That the Selectmen be and hereby are instructed and empowered to immediately have prepared a plan of the bridge across the tide water at the Head of the River.

Voted: To adjourn

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S. S.  
in said county

To either of the constables of the town of Westport  
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Westport on Tuesday the second day of November next it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes for a governor, lieutenant governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, treasurer and receiver general, auditor of accounts, attorney general, a representative in the congress of the United States for the first district, a councillor for the first councillor district, a district attorney for the Southern district, a county commissioner for three years for Bristol County, two special commissioners for three years for Bristol County, three commissioners of insolvency for three years for Bristol County, a clerk of courts for Bristol County, a senator for the third Bristol district, and a representative for the seventh Bristol district all on one ballot. The polls will be open at ten o'clock A. M. and may be closed at two o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many different public places in the town of Westport seven days at least before the time for holding 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 meeting as aforesaid, Given under our hands this twenty-first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six.

A. D. Manchester } Selectmen  
J. E. Macomber }  
Cortez Allen } Westport

I have served this warrant by posting four attested copies thereof One at the store of Charles W. Macomber at North Westport, one at the store of John L. Anthony at the Head, one at the store of Henry E. Davis at Central Village, one at the store of Tripp Bros. at the Point

George A. Tripp 2d.  
Constable of Westport

Town House Westport Nov. 2. 1886. 10 o'clock A. M.  
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and warrant by A. D. Manchester Chairman of the Selectmen who appointed Curtis I. Pierce teller of the check list and he was qualified for the discharge of his duties by the Town Clerk. Notes were given in for the following persons assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting. At the opening of the



Polls the Ballot Box was empty and the register stood at zero, at the close of the polls the register stood at 307. Count of the checks on the list was 315. Count of the ballots cast was 315.

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| For Governor. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| Oliver Ames of Easton had Two Hundred Seventy           | 270 |
| John F. Andrew of Boston had Twenty                     | 20  |
| Thomas A. Lathrop of Taunton had Twenty Two             | 22  |
| John W. Gifford had Two                                 | 2   |
| Charles Fisher had One                                  | 1   |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Lieutenant Governor. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Twelve | 312 |
| John D. A. Brackett of Boston had Two Hundred Sixty Nine          | 269 |
| Frank H. Foster of Haverhill had Twenty                           | 20  |
| John Blackmer of Springfield had Twenty Three                     | 23  |

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| For Representative in Congress. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| Robert J. Davis of Fall River had Two Hundred Seventy Two                 | 272 |
| George J. McLaughlin of Sandwich had Twenty                               | 20  |
| Edward H. Hatfield of Cottage City had Twenty Three                       | 23  |

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| For Secretary. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| Henry B. Peirce of Abington had Two Hundred Seventy Two  | 272 |
| John R. Thayer of Worcester had Twenty                   | 20  |
| George Kempton of Sharon had Twenty three                | 23  |

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| For Treasurer & Receiver General. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| Alanson W. Beard of Boston had Two Hundred Seventy Two                      | 272 |
| Lewis Warner of Northampton had Twenty                                      | 20  |
| Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden had Twenty Three                              | 23  |

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| For Auditor. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen      | 315 |
| Charles B. Leadd of Springfield had Two Hundred Seventy Two | 272 |
| William F. Cook " " Twenty                                  | 20  |
| William W. Sherman of Lowell had Twenty Three               | 23  |

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| For Attorney General. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Ninety Two | 292 |
| Edgar G. Sherman of Lawrence had Two Hundred Seventy Two         | 272 |
| John W. Corcoran of Clinton had Twenty                           | 20  |

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| For Councillor. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen  | 315 |
| Jonathan Bourns of New Bedford had Two Hundred Seventy Two | 272 |
| Charles E. Carpenter of Middleboro had Twenty              | 20  |
| Nehemiah P. Baker of Falmouth had Twenty Three             | 23  |

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| For Senator. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen      | 315 |
| Eben C. Milliken of New Bedford had Two Hundred Seventy Two | 272 |
| Charles S. Ashley " " Twenty                                | 20  |
| Isaiah West " " Twenty Three                                | 23  |

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| For County Commissioner. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fourteen | 314 |
| Franklin Gray of Fall River had Two Hundred Seventy One             | 271 |
| Daniel D. Sullivan " " Twenty                                       | 20  |
| John D. Flint " " Twenty Three                                      | 23  |

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| For Special Commissioners. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| George N. Grandall of Attleboro had Two Hundred Seventy Two          | 272 |
| Samuel B. Hamlin of Acushnet had Two Hundred Seventy Two             | 272 |
| Whitman Chase of Dighton had Twenty                                  | 20  |
| Lincoln S. Drake of Easton had Twenty                                | 20  |
| Samuel M. Brown of Mansfield had Twenty Three                        | 23  |
| Charles A. Chase of Swansea had Twenty Three                         | 23  |

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| For Clerk of Courts. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| Simeon Borden of Fall River had Two Hundred Ninety Two         | 292 |
| John F. Montgomery of Taunton had Twenty Three                 | 23  |

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| For District Attorney. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| Hosea M. Kenoulton of New Bedford had Two Hundred Ninety Two     | 292 |
| Robert P. Raymond " " Twenty Three                               | 23  |

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| For Sheriff. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fourteen | 314 |
| Andrew C. Wright of Taunton had Two Hundred Seventy One | 271 |
| William J. Soule of New Bedford had Fourteen            | 14  |
| William S. Soule of New Bedford had Six                 | 6   |
| Prelet D. Conant of Fall River had Twenty Three         | 23  |

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| For Commissioners of Insolvency. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Fifteen | 315 |
| William B. Smith of New Bedford had Two Hundred Seventy Two                | 272 |
| George A. Adams of Attleboro had Two Hundred Ninety Two                    | 292 |
| George Edgar Williams of Taunton had Two Hundred Ninety Two                | 292 |
| Arthur C. Perry of New Bedford had Twenty                                  | 20  |
| Ebenezer F. Andrews of Dighton had Twenty Three                            | 23  |
| Edward M. Pierce of Fall River had Twenty Three                            | 23  |
| Frank P. Tew of Taunton had Twenty Three                                   | 23  |

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| For Representative. Whole No. of votes. Three Hundred Thirteen | 313 |
| Cortez Allen of Westport had One Hundred Fifty Seven           | 157 |
| Charles T. Wing of Westport had One Hundred Fifty Six          | 156 |

A true record,

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.



Dartmouth 11th mo. 12th. 1886

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport comprising 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 and the number of votes for each was as follows. Viz:

|                                  |                             |     |
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| Whole number of ballots cast was | Five Hundred Seventy Three. | 573 |
| Cortez Allen of Westport had     | Three Hundred Twenty Nine   | 329 |
| Charles J. Wing of Westport had  | Two Hundred Forty Four      | 244 |

J. 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. 1886.

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 November 2d. 1886.

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

Westport Feb. 26. 1887.

To John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of the Town of Westport: You are hereby notified that Charles A. Gould has this day been elected School Committee to fill the place of C. A. Gifford who resigned said office

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| A. D. Manchester | } Selectmen |
| C. C. Macomber   |             |
| Cortez Allen     | } Westport  |

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| G. Fred. Davis   | } School Committee |
| E. L. Manchester |                    |
|                  | } Westport         |

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

Bristol S.S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport, in said County: 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 in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westport, on Monday, The Fourth Day of April Next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
2. To see if the town will accept of an Act entitled "An Act for the election of Board Commissioners."
3. To choose a Town Clerk: one Selectman for three years, and one for two years to serve for the unexpired term of J. C. Macomber resigned: one Overseer of the Poor for three years, and one for two years to serve for the unexpired term of A. D. Manchester resigned: a Treasurer: a Collector one Assessor for three years: one School Committee for three years: and all other necessary Town Officers for the term for which they are elected.
4. To make Appropriations for the following purposes, viz: For Support of Schools, School Houses and Lots, Highways and Bridges, Support of Paupers, Incidental Expenses, Town Officers and Committees, Town Debt and Interest, Military Aid and State Aid.
5. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the School House in District No. 17, by raising or otherwise enlarging it, so that two separate schools may be maintained, or one with an assistant teacher.
6. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to grade the whole or a part of the way from the "Foot of the Lane" (so called) to Horse-Neck Point, as laid out by the Selectmen and ordered on record by the County Commissioners.
7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to improve Handy Hill, (so called) on the road leading from the Town House to Hicks Bridge.
8. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairing the Town House: and the necessary appropriation therefor.
9. To see what action the town will take in relation to the buildings on the Town Landing at the Horse-Neck, and near the "Foot of the Lane" (so called).
10. To see if the town will instruct the Fish Commissioners to prohibit all persons, not citizens, from fishing in either branch of the river with hook and line or seine.



11. To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray town charges for the ensuing year.
12. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and to act thereon.
13. To see if the town will vote to pay the Town of Dartmouth the sum of one hundred and seventy five  $\frac{5}{100}$  dollars, (\$175.57) said amount having been paid by said town to the authorities of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for the support of Rozella Mosher for the year ending Jan. 1. 1886.
14. To determine the salaries of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and the Dealer of Weights and Measures, for the year ensuing.
15. To determine the amount of wages, per day or hour, to be paid for labor on the highway the ensuing year, for the following purposes, viz.: for surveyor, common laborer one pair oxen, pair of horses, one horse, plough, cart, scraper and stone digger.
16. To see what action the town will take in relation to the way from the watering place to the Horse-Neck Point as laid out in 1717 and relaid in 1801.
17. To see if the town will accept of the list of names of jurors for the ensuing year as prepared by the Selectmen.
18. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of tax.
19. To see if the town will authorize the transfer of the sums appropriated at the last Annual Meeting for the purchase of a stone crusher, and for the erection of the temporary and new bridges at the Head of Westport to the Highway Department account.
20. To see if the town will authorize the transfer of unappropriated money to any or either department in which there is a deficit.
21. To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.
22. 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.
23. To see if the town will allow a discount for the prompt payment of taxes, and to determine the rate per cent. of said discount: also to fix the time at which discount shall cease to be allowed.
24. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time, and to determine the rate per cent. of said interest.

25. The Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Overseers of the Poor, Assessor, School Committee, Collector, Board of Health, Constables, Fence Viewers, Landring Commissioners, Auditing Committee, and Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, to be voted for upon one ballot. Also at the same time and place "Yes" or "No," upon the following question: Shall License be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Westport the ensuing year?

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

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

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

A. D. Manchester  
J. C. Macomber  
Mortez Allen

Selectmen  
of  
Westport.

Westport March 26. 1887.

I have this day served this warrant by posting up four attested copies seven days before said meeting.

One at the store of Charles H. Macomber

One at the store of Charles A. Gifford

One at the store of Henry E. Davis

One at the store of Tripp Brothers

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport April 4th. 1887.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled, the warrant was read by A. D. Manchester and the following officers were elected and votes passed.

John C. Macomber was appointed teller of votes for Moderator and sworn by the Clerk

John W. Gifford was elected Moderator and sworn by the Clerk.

Voted: To indefinitely postpone action on the 2d. Article of the warrant

Voted: To proceed to ballot for one Town Clerk, One Treasurer, One Collector of Taxes, One Selectman for 3 yrs. One Selectman for 2 yrs, One Overseer of the Poor for 3 yrs, One Overseer of the Poor for 2 yrs, One Assessor for 3 yrs, One School Committee for 3 yrs, Three Fence Viewers, 3 Constables, One Special Constable, 3 Auditing Committee, One Supt. of Beech Grove Cemetery, 3 Board of Health.



Peleg S. Sanford and Frederic A. Howland were appointed tellers of votes by the Moderator and Sworn by the Clerk

Voted: To close the polls at 12 oclock M.

The following officers were elected, viz:

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

Treasurer, John C. Macomber Sworn.

Collector of Taxes, John C. Macomber Sworn

Selectmen. Albert S. Sherman for 3 yrs. Sworn.  
Isaac Howland for 2 yrs. Sworn.

Overseers of the Poor, Charles H. Penney for 3 yrs Sworn.  
William A. Young for 2 yrs Sworn.

School Committee for 3 yrs. Charles I. Wing Accepted.

Assessor for 3 yrs. Robert A. Lawton Sworn.

Landing Commissioners: Isaac Howland Sworn.  
Algeren C. Tripp Sworn.  
David G. Mosher Sworn.  
Frederic A. Howland Sworn.

Auditing Committee: Christopher Borden Accepted  
Henry A. Allen Accepted  
Albert F. King Accepted.

Fence Viewers: Algeren C. Tripp Sworn  
William H. Gifford 2d. Sworn  
Joseph R. Wordell Sworn

Constables: Charles D. Cummings  
George A. Tripp  
Sylvester C. Manley Sworn.

Special Constable Samuel A. Peckham

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

Board of Health: William Valentine Sworn  
Charles A. Gould Sworn Apr. 29. 1887  
Luther D. Kidders Sworn

Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town. Yes: 21. No: 23.

Voted To elect 27 Surveyors of Highways: viz:

George E. Akin Affirmed.  
Athos Tallman Sworn  
Benjamin W. Sidley Sworn  
Frederic A. Howland Sworn  
Horace M. Gibson Sworn  
Isaac Howland Sworn  
William Caldwell Sworn  
Michael Wainer  
Isaac B. Macomber Sworn.  
Robert E. Wood Sworn  
Robert P. Tripp Sworn.  
Anderson S. Dunham Sworn  
Augustus M. Mosher Sworn

David R. Tripp Sworn  
Geo. H. B. Brownell Sworn  
Siles C. Brownell  
Charles E. Kirby Sworn.  
Charles F. Tripp Sworn  
George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn  
Edmund L. Gifford Sworn  
Eli W. Blossom Sworn  
Alexander H. Tripp Sworn  
Christopher Borden Sworn  
Samuel A. Peckham Sworn  
Aka R. Howland Sworn  
Samuel H. Demoranville Sworn.

Voted: To elect Preserved Tripp<sup>Sworn</sup> Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Voted: To elect 10 Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood and Bark viz:  
Charles H. Macomber Sworn  
Preserved Tripp Sworn.  
Granville P. Hicks  
Edward E. Gifford  
David D. Pettey  
Albert F. King Sworn  
Andrew R. Trifford  
William H. Gifford 3d.  
Philander H. Brightman  
George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn.

Voted To elect 12 Field Drivers:

Christopher Borden Sworn  
John L. Anthony  
George H. B. Brownell Sworn  
William Valentine  
George A. Gifford  
Charles A. Gould

Sylvester C. Manly  
Uriah S. Pierce  
Benjamin F. Rounds  
Robert F. Macomber  
Ezekiel G. Brownell  
Lebedee E. Davis

Voted To elect 4 Pound Keepers

John L. Anthony  
Charles A. Gould

William S. Kirby  
William Valentine

Voted To lay Articles of the warrant from the 3d to the 19th on the table.

Voted That the sums appropriated at the last annual meeting for the erection of the temporary and new bridges at the Head of Westport be and is hereby transferred to the Highway department account.

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted That the sums appropriated at the last annual meeting for the purchase of a stone crusher and for the erection of the temporary and new bridges at the Head of Westport be and is hereby transferred to the Highway department account.

Voted To take the Articles from the 3 to the 19th. from the table.



Voted: To appropriate \$4500. for the support of Schools  
 " " 500 " repairs of Sch. Houses & Lots  
 " " 150 " the purchase of School Books  
 " " 2000. " " repairs of Highways and Bridges  
 " " 3000. " " support of Paupers  
 " " 300. " Incidental Expenses  
 " " 800. " payment of Town Officers and Committee.  
 " " 250 " Military Aid  
 " " 1025 " Town Debt and Interest.  
 8625

Voted: That when we adjourn it be until Saturday April 16th at 10 o'clock A.M.

Voted: That a committee of three be appointed to investigate in regard to the School House at No. 17 and report at the adjourned meeting.  
 Albert S. Sherman, Robert F. Macomber and Eli P. Lawton were appointed as the committee.

Voted To lay articles from 6 to 16 on the table.

Voted That a committee be appointed to obtain from some eminent lawyer an opinion of the Town's right under the layout of a way on the Horseneck as laid out in 1717 and relaid in 1801 and report to the town.  
 John W. Gifford, Eli P. Lawton and Algeron O. Tripp were appointed as said committee.

Voted To take Articles from the 6 to the 16th from the table.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Art. 6. of the warrant.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Art. 7 of the warrant.

Voted To reshingle the roof of the Town House and to appropriate \$100 for the purpose.

Voted That the repairs on the Town House be made under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted To have the Bylaws of the Town Landing read.

Voted To defer the reading of the Bylaws.

Voted To allow the buildings on the Landing at the Horseneck remain where they are.

Voted To reconsider the last vote.

Voted That the Landing Commissioners investigate the matter in relation to the buildings on the Town Landing at the Horseneck and report to the adjourned meeting.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 10th. article of the warrant.

Voted To adjourn

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d  
 Town Clerk.

State of Massachusetts  
 County of Bristol S. S.  
 Fall River Mass. April 9, 1887.

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber of Westport in said County and State and made oath to the faithful discharge of his duties of Surveyor of Land and Measurer of Wood and Bark in the Town of Westport for the ensuing year "to which office he had been declared duly elected.  
 Before me  
 Henry H. Earl  
 Justice of the Peace.

State of Massachusetts  
 County of Bristol S. S.  
 North Westport April 9th. 1887

Then personally appeared Charles D. Cummings of Westport in said County & State and made oath to the faithful discharge of his duties as Constable in the town of Westport for the ensuing year "to which Office he has been declared duly elected.  
 Before me  
 Charles H. Macomber  
 Justice of the Peace.

The two foregoing certificates recorded by me April 11, 1887.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
 Town Clerk.



Town House Westport Apr. 16th. 10 o'clock A. M.  
Meeting met agreeable to adjournment.

- Voted To lay article 11 on the table
- Voted To accept the report of the Committee and place it on file.
- Voted To raise the town appropriations by taxation.
- Voted To accept the report of the Board of Government in relation to Beech Grove Cemetery and refer it to the new Board of Government with power to act.
- Voted To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners and place it on file
- Voted To accept the verbal report of the Board of Health.
- Voted To accept the report of the Auditing Committee
- Voted To accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor.
- Voted To accept the report of the Committee in relation to the old lay out at the Horseneck.
- Voted That the Landing Commissioners investigate the matter in relation to the buildings on the Town Landing at the Horseneck and report at a special meeting in November on the day of the State Election unless a special meeting be held sooner.
- Voted That the bill of the Town of Dartmouth (of \$175.50) for the support of Bozzella Mosher in 1885 be paid.
- Voted To take the report of the Committee on School House No. 17. from the file
- Voted To reconsider the acceptance of the report of the committee in relation to School House No. 17.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone further action in regard to the school house in No. 17.
- Voted That the Treasurer be allowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent. on all payments from the Treasury
- Voted To allow the Collector of Taxes 1 per cent. on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury.
- Voted That the salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures shall be \$20.

- Voted: To allow Surveyors of Highways \$1.75 per day.
- |   |   |                   |   |      |   |                          |
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| " | " | Laborers on       | " | 1.50 | " | "                        |
| " | " | pair of horses on | " | 2.00 | " | "                        |
| " | " | one horse         | " | 1.00 | " | "                        |
| " | " | pair of oxen      | " | 2.00 | " | "                        |
| " | " | cart              | " | .25  | " | "                        |
| " | " | scraper           | " | .25  | " | "                        |
| " | " | stone digger      | " | .25  | " | "                        |
| " | " | plough            | " | .10  | " | hour while in actual use |
- Voted To strike the name of Pliny Mosher from the list of jurors as prepared.
- " add the " Edmund L. Gifford to " " " " "
- " " " " Rufus E. Wordell " " " " "
- " " " " Joseph R. Wordell " " " " "
- " accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and amended viz:
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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Allen Henry A.     | Hicks Samuel G.          |
| Baker Gehial       | Kirby Charles E.         |
| Blossom Eli W.     | Lewis Warren D.          |
| Borden Christopher | Macomber Isaac R.        |
| Briggs Christopher | Macomber Philip E.       |
| Brightman Elisha   | Manchester Wm. F.        |
| Brightman James M. | Mosher Augustus M.       |
| Bufts George W.    | Palmer William D.        |
| Chace Charles W.   | Petty Pardon Z.          |
| Chace Elbridge S.  | Peirce Curtis J.         |
| Cottle Robert H.   | Potter Perry G.          |
| Craigo Reuben W.   | Russell Charles F.       |
| Earle Thomas B.    | Sherman Charles L.       |
| Fisher Charles     | <b>Samford Daniel M.</b> |
| Samage Winton B.   | Tallman Charles R.       |
| Gifford Elmer E.   | Tripp James F.           |
| Gifford James A.   | Tripp Eli F.             |
| Gifford Edmund L.  | Tripp Alfred L.          |
| Gifford William    | Tripp Pardon A.          |
| Ginnell Oliver E.  | Tripp Richmond W.        |
| Hantz Eli          | Wilbur Gustavus B.       |
| Hicks Granville P. | Wordell Rufus E.         |
| Howland John W.    | Wordell Joseph R.        |
- Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to hire if necessary not to exceed \$5000. in anticipation of the taxes of the present year.
- Voted That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to transfer from unappropriated money to any or either department in which there is a deficit.
- Voted That the High School be located at the Head of Westport for the ensuing year.



Voted That the several Boards of officers be authorized to order bills against the town incurred for and on account of their respective departments.

Voted To allow no discount for the prompt payment of taxes

Voted That the taxes be received at until Nov. 8th. 1887. and on all taxes remaining unpaid after that date interest shall be charged at the rate of six per cent. per annum until paid.

Voted To reconsider the vote in relation to reshingking the Town House.

Voted That the roof of the Town House be reshingled and that \$100. be appropriated for that purpose.

Voted To take up Article 3. for action.

Voted To ballot for one Constable

Cortez Allen and Albert S. Sherman were appointed tellers of votes by the moderator and sworn by the clerk

Oliver C. Grinnell was elected Constable and affirmation administered by the clerk.

Voted To ballot for one member of the Board of Health

Nathaniel G. Macomber was elected a member of the Board of Health

The following persons were elected Surveyors of Highways: viz:  
 John B. Tripp Sworn Samuel G. Tripp Sworn  
 George F. Lawton

The following persons were elected Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, viz:  
 Peleg S. Sanford Sworn Vellator E. Macomber  
 Frederic A. Howland Sworn Sylvester G. Manley Sworn  
 Daniel Whalon William H. Gifford 3d.  
 Philander H. Brightman

The following persons were elected Field Drivers, viz:  
 William S. Kirby Robert P. Tripp Sworn.  
 Charles A. Gould Isaac Howland  
 Oliver Cornell Zebedee B. Macomber  
 Jacob Cornell

The following persons were elected Pound Keepers, viz:  
 John L. Anthony Frank G. Palmer  
 William S. Kirby

Voted To allow the Moderator \$5. for his services.

Voted To adjourn indefinitely

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
 Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
 Bristol S.S. April 18th. 1887

Then personally appeared Vellator E. Macomber of Westport and made oath to faithfully discharge the duties of Surveyor of Lumber and Measurers of Wood & Bark in said Town of Westport to which office he has been duly elected

Before me  
 C. H. Macomber  
 Justice of the Peace.

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

Westport Point April 21st. 87.  
 John A. Macomber Esq.  
 Town Clerk Dear Sir:

Dr. Nathl. G. Macomber personally appeared before me this day and took the oath of office as a member of the Board of Health.

your  
 Wm. Valentine  
 Justice of the Peace.

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



## Special Town Meeting

Bristol S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County: 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 Hall in said town on Friday the twenty ninth day of April instant at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2 To see what action the town will take in regard to a petition signed by Edwin Borden and others in relation to building a two story wood school house in district No. 17 and purchasing a lot to build said house on, between the residence of Rufus E. Wordell and Lorenzo Sherman. To choose a building committee also to appropriate a sum of money for said purposes and the manner of raising the money.
- 3 To hear the report of the Landing Commissioners in regard to the buildings on the town landing at the Horseneck and act thereon.
- 4 To see if the town will vote to pay Edwin B. Gifford a certain sum of money for stones taken on February 12. 1886 at the time of the washout at the Head of the River.

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

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

Given under our hands this twentieth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven

Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
Albert S. Sherman } Westport

I have served the within Warrant by posting four attested copies of the same. One at the store of Charles W. Macomber, One at the store of Kirby & Hicks, One at the store of Edward E. Gifford, one at the store of Henry E. Davis. Seven days before the time of said meeting

Oliver C. Grinnell  
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport April 29. 1887.

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

Warrant was read by the Clerk who appointed Albert S. Sherman teller of the votes and check list and was duly qualified.

John W. Gifford was elected Moderator and sworn by the Clerk.

Voted To use the check list and ballot on the following question: That the town build a two story wood School House in District No. 17.  
Yes. 22. No. 66.

Voted To indefinitely postpone further action on article 2.

Voted To recommit the report of the Landing Commissioners to them to report at the next special meeting, if one is held previous to the next annual meeting if not report at that time

Voted That the claim of Edwin B. Gifford be referred to the Selectmen for settlement

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

To Giles E. Brownell of Westport in the County of Bristol, You are hereby appointed one of the Registrars of voters for the town of Westport for three years from the first day of May next ensuing and until another is appointed in your place. Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of April 1887.

Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
Albert S. Sherman }  
Cortez Allen } Westport

Commonwealth of Massachusetts }  
Bristol S.S. Westport Sept. 12. 1887

Then personally appeared the within named Giles E. Brownell and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Registrar of voters for the time for which he was appointed.

Before me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.



# Warrant

Bristol SS.

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 and elections to assemble at the Town House in said town on Tuesday the eighth day of November next it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in said November, at Ten O'clock in the forenoon to bring in to the Selectmen their votes for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Councillor from the first Councillor district, a County Commissioner, a Senator from the third Bristol District, a Representative from the seventh Bristol District, all on one ballot.

The Polls may be closed at Two O'clock P. M. and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies in as many public places in said town ten days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October Eighteen hundred and Eighty seven

Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
Cortez Allen }  
Albert S. Sherman } Westport

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Posted four Attested Copies of the same one at the store of Charles H. Macomber one at the store of Fairby & Hicks, one at the store of E. E. Gifford, and one at the store of Henry E. Davis, Ten days before the time of said meeting.

Oliver C. Grinnell  
Constable of Westport

Town House Westport Nov. 8th. 1887. 10 o'clock A. M.  
Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and warrant read by Isaac Howland Chairman of the Selectmen. At the opening of the Polls the Ballot Box was empty and the register stood at zero: and at the close of the Polls the register stood at 287. Count of the checks on the list was 287. Count of the ballots in the box 287. Votes were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open Town Meeting.

Voted To close the Polls at 2 o'clock P. M.

|                                                          |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Governor. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Six | 286 |
| Oliver Ames of Easton had Two Hundred Forty              | 240 |
| Henry B. Loring of Lynn had Twenty One                   | 21  |
| William H. Earle of Worcester had Twenty Five            | 25  |

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| For Lieutenant Governor Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Six | 286 |
| John L. A. Brackett of Arlington had Two Hundred Forty One         | 241 |
| Walter E. Cutting of Pittsfield had Nineteen                       | 19  |
| John Blackmer of Springfield had Twenty Six                        | 26  |

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| For Secretary of State. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| Henry B. Burke of Abington had Two Hundred Forty Two                 | 242 |
| John F. Murphy of Lowell had Nineteen                                | 19  |
| Amos E. Hall of Chelsea had Twenty Six                               | 26  |

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| For Treasurer & Receiver General. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| Hanson W. Beard of Boston had Two Hundred Forty Two                            | 242 |
| Henry C. Thacher of Falmouth had Nineteen                                      | 19  |
| John E. Wilton of Lee had Twenty Six                                           | 26  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Auditor. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had Two Hundred Forty Two  | 242 |
| William F. Cook of Springfield had Nineteen               | 19  |
| Edmund M. Stowe of Hudson had Twenty Six                  | 26  |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Attorney General. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| Andrew G. Waterman of Pittsfield had Two Hundred Forty Two         | 242 |
| John W. Worcoran of Clinton had Nineteen                           | 19  |
| Allen Coffin of Nantucket had Twenty Six                           | 26  |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Councillor. 1st. District. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Six | 286 |
| Jonathan Bourne of New Bedford had Two Hundred Forty One                  | 241 |
| Charles H. Carpenter of Middleboro had Nineteen                           | 19  |
| Nehemiah P. Baker of Falmouth had Twenty Six                              | 26  |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For County Commissioner Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| Francis S. Babbitt of Taunton had Two Hundred Forty Two              | 242 |
| Jonathan Jones of Dighton had Nineteen                               | 19  |
| John F. Montgomery of Taunton had Twenty Six                         | 26  |

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| For Senator. 3d. Bristol District. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Seventy Eight | 278 |
| Morgan Root of New Bedford had One Hundred Eleven                                | 111 |
| Charles A. W. Oesting of New Bedford had Fifteen                                 | 15  |
| Franklyn Howland of Acushnet had One Hundred Fifty Two                           | 152 |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| For Representative 7th. Bristol Dist. Whole No. of votes. Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| George W. Slocum of Dartmouth had One Hundred Twenty Nine                          | 129 |
| Alden J. Potter " " " One Hundred Forty Seven                                      | 147 |
| Holder W. Potter " " " Eleven                                                      | 11  |



Voted To adjourn

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d  
Town Clerk.

Dartmouth Nov. 18th. 1887.

We the undersigned Clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport comprising 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 and the number of votes for each was as follows, viz:

|                                  |                          |     |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Whole No. of ballots cast was    | Six Hundred Twenty Two   | 622 |
| George W. Mocum of Dartmouth had | Two Hundred Ninety Seven | 297 |
| Alden J. Potter of " "           | Two Hundred Eighty Seven | 287 |
| Holder W. Potter of " "          | Thirty Seven             | 37  |
| William H. Aiken of " "          | One                      | 1   |

John H. Cornell Town Clerk of Dartmouth  
John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Westport December 22d. 1887.

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by fire (without examination or permitting them to be examined by any person whatever) the ballots cast at the election of Nov. 8th 1887.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Westport,

Greeting:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Legal Voters of Westport to meet at Union Hall Central Village on Saturday Dec. 31st at ten o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles, viz:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To see what action the Town will take in relation to leasing Privileges to plant, grow, and dig Oysters in Westport Rivers under the provisions of chapter 119 acts of 1887.
- 3d. To see if the Town will accept of the relaying of the Road leading Akins Corner Northerly to the corner near So. Westport Post Office

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

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant ~~by post~~ with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty first day of December A. D. 1887.

Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
Cortez Allen }  
Albert S. Sherman } Westport

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted Attested copies of the same one at the store of Charles H. Macomber, one at the store of Kirby & Hicks, one at the store of Tripp Brothers, one at the store of A. H. Kory and one at the store of Henry E. Davis seven day before the time of said meeting.

Oliver C. Grinnell  
Constable of Westport

Union Hall Westport Dec. 31st. 1887.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled and the following votes were passed. The warrant was read by Cortez Allen who was appointed teller of the check list and shown by the Clerk.

William Valentine was elected Moderator but declined serving.

Giles E. Brownell was elected Moderator but declined serving.



Isaac Howland was elected Moderator but declined serving

Oliver E. Grinnell was elected Moderator but declined serving

John W. Gifford was elected Moderator and sworn by the Clerk

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 2d. article of the Warrant.

Voted To accept of the report of the Selectmen in relation to the relay out of the Highway from Skins Corner Northerly to the corner near South Westport Post Office.

Adjourned.

A true record  
Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned being the Selectmen of the Town of Westport do hereby under and in accordance with Sect. 97. Chap. 91. Public Statutes of Massachusetts grant to Edward E. Petter of said Westport a license to plant grow and dig oysters at all times of the year upon and in certain flats and water of the East branch of Westport river bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Fishing Rock (so called) thence Westerly to Corp island including all the territory between said bounds from Horseneck shore on the south to the middle of the channel on the North, the same not being a natural oyster-bed. To hold said license for the term of Ten years from the date hereof the said license not to impair the private rights of any person nor obstruct the navigable waters of said river

Witness our hands and seals this eighth day of December  
A. D. 1887.

Isaac Howland (S)  
Cortez Allen (S)  
Albert S. Sherman (S)

Received and recorded the foregoing license this 28th day of January A. D. 1888.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Know all Men by these Presents

That we the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Westport in accordance with the provisions of the 91st Chapter, Sec. 97 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts and an application from William W. Allen, a citizen of said Westport, do hereby grant a license to said Wm W. Allen, to plant, grow and dig oysters at all times of the year in a certain portion of the East branch of Westport River where there is no natural oyster-bed and within the limits of said town for the period of ten years from the date hereof bounded and described as follows: On the West side of said river on both sides of Dix's Bridge. From said bridge North Three Hundred and Twenty yards, and from said bridge South, Eighty yards, bounded by and not including any of the Channel on the East and by the Shore on the West. Providing nevertheless that if any natural oyster bed exists within said limits or the private rights of any person shall be impaired, or the navigation of said waters shall be obstructed or if said licensee his heirs or assigns shall fail to improve said granted premises for the space of two years from the date hereof then, in either case this license shall be null and void.

Isaac Howland  
Cortez Allen  
Albert S. Sherman

Westport Feb. 25. 1888.

Received and recorded the foregoing license this  
2d. day of March A. D. 1888.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Know all men by these Presents,

That we the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Westport in accordance with the provisions of the 91st Chapter Sec. 97 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts and an application from William Valentine and Horatio W. Brownell citizens of said Westport, do hereby grant a license to said Wm Valentine & H. W. Brownell to plant grow and dig oysters at all times of the year in a certain portion of the East branch of Westport River, where there is no natural oyster bed, and within the limits of said town for the period of ten years from the date hereof bounded and described as follows:

Starting from the South West corner of land of Eli Allen, thence to Fishing Rock, so called, thence to the mouth of the South Horseneck Channel in a South Easterly course, thence in a Northerly course by Great Flat so called to Ship Rock thence in a North West course to a line drawn East and West over the upper Red Rock, thence to the Western shore in above line thence Southerly to the place of starting and bounded by the Western shore.

Providing nevertheless that if any natural oyster bed exists within said limits, or the private rights of any person shall be impaired or the navigation of said waters shall be obstructed, or if said licensee



his heirs or assigns shall fail to improve said granted premises for the space of two years from the date hereof then in either case this license shall be null and void. Given under our hands  
April 2nd. 1888.

Isaac Hopland } Selectmen  
Albert S. Sherman }  
Cortez Allen } Westport.

Received and recorded the foregoing license this 2d. day of April  
A.D. 1888.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol & S. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Westport, in said County, 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 Hall in said Westport on Monday the Second day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To see if the town will accept of an act entitled, "An act for the election of Road Commissioners."
3. To choose a Town Clerk: one Selectman for three years: One Overseer of the Poor for three years: a Treasurer: a Collector: One Assessor for three years: one School Committee for three years: Three Fish Commissioners, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years: and all other necessary Town Officers for the term for which they are elected.
4. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon.
5. To make appropriations for the following purposes viz: For support of Schools, School Houses and Lots, Highways and Bridges, Support of Paupers, Incidental Expenses, Town Officers and Committees, Town Debt and Interest, Military Aid and State Aid.
6. To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of tax.
8. To determine the salaries of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.
9. To determine the amount of wages, per day or hour to be paid for labor on the highway the ensuing year for the following purposes viz: for surveyor, common laborer, one pair oxen, pair of horses, one horse, plough, cart, scraper and stone digger.
10. 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.
11. To see if the town will authorize the transfer of unappropriated money to any or either department in which there is a deficit.
12. To see if the town will allow a discount for the prompt payment of taxes, and to determine the rate per cent. of said discount: also to fix the time at which discount shall cease to be allowed.
13. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time and to determine the rate percent of said interest.
14. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to receive moneys and pay interest on the same under the provisions of Chapter 186 Acts of 1884 for the preservation, care, improvement or embellishing of any public or private burial place situated in said town or of burial lots located in the same.
15. To see what action the town will take in relation to the taking eels in both branches of Westport River by the use of trawls and lights.
16. To determine the location of the High School and to specify the time.
17. To see if the town will accept of the names for jurors as prepared by the Selectmen for the ensuing year.
18. To see if the town will accept the lay out of a way to lead Northerly from the North end of Horseneck road so called, to a point on the Pine Hill road near James R. Sawtons residence as laid out by the Selectmen.
19. To see if the town will accept an alteration in the road leading Northerly from Rufus E. Wordells corner as laid out by the Selectmen.

The Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Overseers of the Poor, Assessor, School Committee, Board of Health, Fish Commissioners, Constables, Fence Viewers, Landing Commissioners, Auditing Committee, and Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery to be voted for upon one ballot. Also at the same time and place upon a separate ballot Yes or No upon the following question: Shall License be granted for the sale of intoxicating



liquors in the Town of Westport the ensuing year?

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many different Public Places within said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

Isaac Howland } Selectmen  
Cortez Allen }  
Albert S. Sherman } Westport

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have posted four attested copies of the same. One at the store of C. W. Macomber, One at the store of C. A. Gifford, One at the store of Perry E. Davis, One at the store of Tripp Brothers, seven days before the time of said meeting.

Oliver C. Grinnell  
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport April 2d. 1888.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled the warrant was read by Cortez Allen and the following officers were elected and votes passed.

Isaac Howland and Cortez Allen were appointed tellers of votes for moderator and sworn by the Clerk.

John W. Gifford was elected Moderator and sworn by the Clerk.

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

Voted To accept of the 3d article of the warrant.

Cortez Allen and Henry A. Allen were appointed tellers of votes and sworn by the clerk.

Voted To fix the number of constables at four.

Voted To close the polls at one o'clock P. M.

The following officers were elected viz:

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

Treasurer: John C. Macomber Sworn

Collector of Taxes: John C. Macomber Sworn

Selectman for 3 years: Cortez Allen, Sworn.

Overseer of Poor 3 years: Isaac Howland Sworn

Assessor for 3 years: Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn.

School Committee for 3 years: Albert S. Sherman, Accepted.

Constables: Sylvester C. Manley, Sworn.

Charles D. Cummings

Daniel M. Sanford, Sworn.

Samuel M. Macomber

Landing Commissioners: Luther D. Kidder Sworn.

Philander W. Brightman

Charles Wing, Sworn.

Cook E. Tripp Sworn.

Fish Commissioners: Perry E. Potter for 3 years Sworn.

Alexander W. White for 2 years, Sworn.

Richard S. Gifford for 1 year. Affirmed.

Fence Viewers: Cook E. Tripp Sworn.

Samuel A. Sisson Sworn

Edmund L. Gifford

Board of Health: Isaac Howland Accepted.

Albert S. Sherman Accepted.

Cortez Allen Accepted.

Auditing Committee: Henry A. Allen Accepted.

Christopher Borden Accepted.

Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Accepted.

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

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? Yes. 33. No. 180.

Voted To elect 27 Surveyors of Highways.

Voted That each District nominate their own Surveyor

Voted To reconsider the last vote.



The following persons were elected Surveyors of Highways: viz:

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| John Gifford Sworn.           | Elmer E. Gifford Sworn      |
| Benjamin W. Sidley Sworn      | Edward E. Gifford Sworn     |
| Lezander W. White Sworn.      | Isaac Howland Sworn,        |
| William Caldwell              | Samuel J. Tripp Sworn,      |
| Zoeth Howland Sworn.          | John B. Tripp Sworn,        |
| Robert E. Wood Sworn          | Robert C. Tripp Sworn,      |
| Samuel H. Demoranville Sworn. | George F. Wood Sworn.       |
| David B. Tripp Sworn.         | George F. Petter            |
| George F. Lawton              | Charles E. Kirby Sworn      |
| Alexander H. Tripp Sworn.     | George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn. |
| Rufus E. Wordell Sworn        | Ell W. Blossom Sworn.       |
| Daniel Whalon Sworn           | Christopher Borden Sworn    |
| Isa R. Howland Sworn          | Joseph C. Peckham Sworn.    |
| Isaac R. Allen Sworn          |                             |

Voted That Preserved Tripp<sup>sr</sup> be sealer of weights and measures

Voted To elect 10 Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

|                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Charles H. Macomber      | Albert F. King Sworn            |
| Preserved Tripp Sworn    | Andrew B. Tralford              |
| Granville P. Hicks       | William H. Gifford 3d. Affirmed |
| Edward E. Gifford Sworn. | Philander H. Brightman          |
| David D. Petter          | George F. Pierce 2d. Sworn      |

Voted That when we adjourn it be until Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. at one o'clock P. M.

Voted To elect 12 Field Drivers, viz:

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Christopher Borden         | Sylvester C. Manley |
| John L. Anthony            | Uriah S. Pierce     |
| Geo. H. B. Brownell Sworn. | Benjamin F. Rounds  |
| William Valentine          | Robert F. Macomber  |
| George A. Gifford          | Ezekiel J. Brownell |
| Charles A. Gould           | Lebedee E. Davis    |

Voted To elect 4 Pound Keepers, viz:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| John L. Anthony  | William S. Kirby  |
| Charles A. Gould | William Valentine |

Voted To add Christopher Borden to the list of pound keepers.

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 Board of Health and place it on file

Voted To accept the report of the Board of Government and place it on file.

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

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, as follows: That they have done nothing.

Voted To appropriate \$4500. for the support of Schools.

|   |   |      |   |   |                                    |
|---|---|------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| " | " | 500. | " | " | repairs of school houses and lots. |
| " | " | 5100 | " | " | " " " Highways and Bridges         |
| " | " | 3000 | " | " | support of Paupers.                |
| " | " | 500  | " | " | Incidental Expenses.               |
| " | " | 800  | " | " | Town Officers and Committees       |
| " | " | 1000 | " | " | Town Debt and Interest             |
| " | " | 250  | " | " | Military Aid                       |

Voted To lay articles 6 to 17 inclusive on the table

Voted To recommit the report of the lay out of the road "from the North end of Horseneck road to a point on the pine hill road, near James B. Lawton's" to the Selectmen, for them to commence at Lezander W. White's and complete the lay out to near J. B. Lawton's, as called for by the petition and report at the adjourned meeting

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to the alteration in the road leading Northerly from Rufus E. Wordell's Corner.

Voted To take article 15 from the table

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 15 of the warrant.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

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

State of Massachusetts  
County of Bristol S. S. April 6<sup>th</sup>. 1888.

Then personally appeared Edmund L. Gifford and made oath to the faithful performance of his duties as one of the Fence Viewers for the Town of Westport in said County, to which office he has been declared duly elected for the ensuing year.

Before me

Charles H. Macomber  
Justice of the Peace.

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



State of Massachusetts  
County of Bristol S.S.

April 7. 1888.

Then personally appeared Charles H. Macomber and made oath to the faithful performance of his duties as Surveyor of Lumber and Measurer of Wood and Bark for the Town of Westport in said County to which office he had been declared duly elected for the ensuing year

Before me

Henry H. Carle

Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

State of Massachusetts  
County of Bristol S.S.

April 7th 1888.

Then personally appeared Charles D. Cummings and made oath to the faithful performance of his duties as one of the Constables for the Town of Westport in said County to which office he has been declared duly elected for the ensuing year

Before me

Charles H. Macomber

Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

State of Massachusetts  
County of Bristol S.S.

April 7th 1888.

Then personally appeared Uriah E. Pierce and made oath to the faithful performance of his duties as one of the Field Drivers for the Town of Westport in said County to which office he has been declared duly elected for the ensuing year

Before me

Charles H. Macomber

Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Westport April 12. 1888.

William Caldwell having been elected one of the highway surveyors for the ensuing year personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully perform that duty.

Isaac Howland Justice of the Peace

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Bristol S.S.  
in said County:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in compliance with a petition signed by John W. Gifford and others, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westport on Saturday, the Fourteenth day of April instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To see if the Town will take the necessary action to procure a location and build a Town House in said Town.
3. To see if the Town will take the necessary action to change the layout of such portion of the highway from South Westport to the seashore, as crosses the land of Seabury Wilcox's heirs, and a graveyard adjoining the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a stone crusher and engine, and make the necessary appropriations therefor.
5. Also to see what action the Town will take in relation to the Highway as laid out on the Horseneck.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up four or more attested copies in as many Public Places within said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, aforesaid. Given under our hands this 4th day of April, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Eight.

Isaac Howland  
Cortez Allen.

Selectmen  
of  
Westport

Westport April 7th 1888.

I have served this warrant by posting up four attested copies, one at the store of Charles H. Macomber one at the store of Charles A. Gifford, one at the store of Henry E. Davis, one at the store of Edward E. Gifford

Daniel M. Sanford  
Constable of  
Westport.



Town House Westport April 14th. 1888. 10 o'clock A.M.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled and the following votes were passed. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk who appointed Cortez Allen teller of votes for Moderator and ~~he~~ was duly qualified for that office.

Peleg S. Sanford Jr. was elected Moderator and qualified by the Clerk.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 2d. article of the warrant.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 3d. article of the warrant.

Voted Not to reconsider the last vote.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on the 4th. article of the warrant.

Voted Not to reconsider the last vote

Voted That the Selectmen are hereby authorized to expend not to exceed \$100. on the highway as laid out on the Horseneck

Voted To adjourn without day

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.  
Town Clerk.

Town House Westport April 14th. 1 o'clock P.M.

The annual meeting met agreeable to adjournment.

Voted To take articles 6 to 16 from the table except article 15.

Voted To raise the appropriations by taxation

Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to hire with the approval of the Selectmen not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the tax.

Voted That the Treasurer be allowed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one per. cent. on all payments from the Treasury.

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

Voted That the salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures be \$15.

Voted To allow Surveyors of Highways \$1.75 per day  
 " " Common Laborers \$1.50 " "  
 " " a pair of oxen \$2.00 " "  
 " " a pair of horses \$2.00 " "  
 " " one horse \$1.50 " "  
 " " one cart .25 " "  
 " " one scraper .25 " "  
 " " one plough .10 per hour while in actual use.  
 " " one stone digger .20 " " " " " "

Voted To reconsider the vote on article 2d. of the warrant.

Voted To accept of the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the election of Road Commissioners to take effect on the first Monday of next April."  
 Yes. 89. No. 24.

Voted That the Town pay no bills contracted by any of the officers of the Town for their respective departments where any of the officers of said department are interested financially in any of said bills or contracts.

Voted That the Boards of officers be authorized to order bills on account of their respective departments subject to the vote last taken

Voted To authorize the transfer of unappropriated money to any or either department in which there is a deficit

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Article 12 of the warrant.

Voted That taxes be received at par. until November 6th. 1888 after which interest will be charged at the rate of six per. cent. until the same is paid.

Voted To accept the provisions of Chapter 186. Acts of 1884. for the preservation, care, improvement or embellishing of any public or private burial place situated in said town, or of burial lots located in the same.

Voted. That the Treasurer of the town is hereby authorized to receive money from any person interested in the preservation, care, improvement, or embellishing of any public or private burial place situated in the town of Westport or of burial lots located in the same, in sums not less than \$50. nor more than \$500. under the provisions of Chapter 186, Acts of 1884 and give receipt for the same in the following form.

Town of Westport — 18  
 This is to certify that — — — has this day deposited with the treasurer the sum of — — dollars the interest of which at the rate not exceeding five per. centum per. annum is to be forever applied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 186. Acts of 1884 under the direction of the Selectmen. (naming the place or lot.)

Treasurer.  
 The treasurer of the town shall keep in his office a book,