

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on Article 5. of the warrant.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

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

Westport Apr. 15th. 1895.

To Stacy J. Boyce

You are hereby appointed Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport for the term of two years from the first day of May next.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. Sept 3. 1895.

Then personally appeared the above named Stacy J. Boyce and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Registrar of voters in the Town of Westport for the term for which he was appointed.

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

Recorded Sept. 3. 1895 by me.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

To Zelotes S. Almy

You are hereby appointed Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport for the term of three years from the first day of May next. Given under our hands at Westport this fourth day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety five.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule } Westport

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. September 3d. 1895.

Then personally appeared the above named Zelotes S. Almy and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport during the term for which he has been appointed.

Before me

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

Recorded by me Sept. 4. 1895.

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
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 and warn 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 Saturday, the thirty first day of Aug. inst. at ten 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 sufficient sum of money to put in good repair the road on Horse Neck leading from the New Iron Bridge to the Beach and determine the manner of raising said appropriation; or to determine the manner of raising the sum of \$500. already appropriated for the above purpose on the twenty-ninth day of June last; and generally to act on all things that may pertain in any way to the subject matter of repairing said road.

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 aforesaid. Given under our hands at Westport, this twenty-first day of August in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Five.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport Aug. 24. 1895.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 7 days before said meeting. One at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, One at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Westport Aug. 31. 1895.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. The meeting was called to order and warrant read by the clerk who appointed Andrew H. Soule and Algren O. Tripp tellers of votes for Moderator and they were duly sworn by him.

William H. Gifford 3d. was elected Moderator and was duly qualified by the Clerk.

Voted To lay the first section of article 2d on the table.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (to be expended on the new road at Horse Neck, as appropriated on the 29th day of June 1895) in anticipation of the taxes of the year 1896 and to issue note of the Town therefor, and the debt incurred under the authority of this vote is hereby made payable from said taxes.

Yes: 33.

No: None.

Voted To adjourn.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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 and warn 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 Saturday, the 28th day of Sept. inst. at ten 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.
- 2nd. To see if the Town will vote to finish the macadamizing on the Sanford road as far as Brownell's Corner, and make the necessary appropriation therefor, also to determine the manner of raising said appropriation.
- 3rd. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500. to be expended on the new road across Horse Neck, in addition to the sum already appropriated, and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.
- 4th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended on repairs of Highways and Bridges, and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.

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 aforesaid.

Given under our hand at Westport this Eighteenth day of September, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Five.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algern C. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule. } Westport

Westport Sept. 21, 1895.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 7 days before said meeting

One at North Westport Post Office
One at Westport Post Office
One at South Westport Post Office
One at Central Village Post Office

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport Sept. 28. 1895.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk, who appointed Algren O. Tripp teller of votes for Moderator and he was duly sworn by the clerk.

Albert S. Sherman was unanimously elected Moderator and sworn by the clerk.

Voted To finish macadamizing the Sanford Road as far as Brownells Corner.

Voted To appropriate the sum of \$3000. to finish macadamizing the Sanford Road as far as Brownells Corner.
Yes: 32. No: None.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of Three Thousand Dollars for the purpose of finishing the macadamizing of the Sanford Road to Brownells Corner and to issue a note of the Town therefor said note to be made payable from the taxes of 1897.
Yes: 30. No: 1.

Voted To lay Article 3d. on the table.

Voted That the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of maintaining the highways and bridges in condition for travel, said sum to be borrowed by the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen on a note of the town made payable from the taxes of the year 1896.
Yes: 26. No: 1.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. Nov. 5. 1895.

Then personally appeared Alexander F. Howland and George E. Handy having been duly appointed ballot clerks and Lafayette H. Gifford, Alfred C. Tripp, Henry B. Tripp, William H. Gifford 3d and Eli Handy, having been duly appointed tellers of votes and severally made oath that they would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the positions to which they have been appointed
Before me

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

Recorded by me

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol S.S. County.

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 and warn 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 Tuesday, the fifth day of November next, it being the Tuesday after the first Monday in said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

To bring in to the Selectmen their votes, for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Attorney General for the Commonwealth, a Councilor from the first councillor district, a Senator from the third Bristol district, a Representative in General Court from the seventh Bristol district, a District Attorney from the Southern district, One County Commissioner, Two Special Commissioners and Sheriff for the County of Bristol, also "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?

The Polls will be opened at 10. 15 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2. 15 o'clock P. M.

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

Given under our hands, at Westport, this twenty-second day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety-five.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp } of
Andrew W. Doble } Westport

Westport Oct. 26. 1895.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 9 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport

Town Hall Westport Nov. 5. 1895.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by Albert S. Sherman, Chairman of the Selectmen. Votes were given in for the following persons, ascertained, 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 392. Count of checks on mens list was 312, on the womens list was 64. Count of mens ballots was 312, of womens ballots was 64.

Whole number of mens ballots cast was	Three Hundred and Twelve	312
Whole number of womens ballots cast was	Sixty Four	64
For Governor.		
Elbridge Gerry Bzown of Brockton	had One	1
Frederic J. Greenhalge of Lowell	had Two Hundred Forty	240
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	had Twenty Two	22
Moritz E. Butcher of Woburn	had One	1
George Fred. Williams of Dedham	had Eighteen	18
	Blanks	30
For Lieutenant Governor.		
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield	had Sixteen	16
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston	had Two	2
Edward S. Rogers of Lee	had Twenty	20
Roger W. Woodcott of Boston	had Two Hundred Twenty Two	222
	Blanks	52
For Secretary.		
Edward J. Flynn of Boston	had Fifteen	15
Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn	had One	1
Charles D. Nash of Whitman	had Three	3
William M. Olin of Boston	had Two Hundred Eleven	211
Willard O. Wylie of Essex	had Nineteen	19
	Blanks	63
For Treasurer.		
Martin W. Moran of Boston	had Two	2
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg	had Twenty Two	22
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	had Two Hundred Seven	207
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley	had Seventeen	17
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn	had One	1
	Blanks	63
For Auditor.		
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	had Two Hundred Nine	209
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield	had One	1
Andrew H. Paton of Danvers	had Two	2
Herbert J. Regnell of Attleborough	had Twenty Two	22
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston	had Fourteen	14
	Blanks	64
For Attorney General.		
Frank M. Forbush of Natick	had Twenty One	21
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn	had Sixteen	16
Wesley M. Knowlton of New Bedford	had Two Hundred Ten	210
Squire E. Putney of Somerville	had One	1
Conrad Reno of Boston	had Two	2
	Blanks	62
For Councillor First District.		
George H. Palmer of Fairhaven	had Nineteen	19
Nathaniel F. Ryder of Middleborough	had Two Hundred Sixteen	216
	Blanks	77

For Senator, Third Bristol District.		
Charles J. Luce of New Bedford	had Thirteen	13
William Penn Macomber of Fairhaven	had Twenty Nine	29
Rufus A. Soule of New Bedford	had Two Hundred Twelve	212
	Blanks	58
Representative in General Court, Seventh Bristol District.		
Lathan J. Davis of Dartmouth	had Three	3
Charles W. Howland 2nd. of Dartmouth	had One Hundred Three	103
William H. Potter of Dartmouth	had Thirteen	13
John O. Slocum of Dartmouth	had One Hundred Seventy Five	175
	Blanks	18
For District Attorney - Southern District.		
Andrew G. Jennings of Fall River	had Two Hundred Forty One	241
	Blanks	71
County Commissioner, Bristol.		
George J. Durfee of Fall River	had Two Hundred Thirty Six	236
Stephen D. Peirce of New Bedford	had Seventeen	17
	Blanks	59
Special Commissioners, Bristol.		
James E. Allen of Dartmouth	had Two Hundred Fourteen	214
Daniel P. Smith of Attleborough	had Eleven	11
James B. Sullivan of Fall River	had Five	5
John Thacker of Attleborough	had One Hundred Seventeen	17
	Blanks	277
For Sheriff, Bristol.		
Edwin H. Evans of Taunton	had Two Hundred Thirty Eight	238
James Lawlor of Fall River	had Twelve	12
	Blanks	62
Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women?		
Yes:	One Hundred Fifty Four	154
No.	One Hundred Eighteen	118
	Blanks	104

Voted To adjourn.

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

Dartmouth Nov. 15th. 1895.

We the undersigned clerks of the Towns of Dartmouth and Westport comprising Representative District No. 7. in the County of Bristol 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 for each was as follows: viz:

Whole No. of ballots cast was	Seven Hundred Seventy Four	774
Lathan J. Davis of Dartmouth had	Twenty Five	25
Charles W. Howland 2nd. of Dartmouth had	Two Hundred Ninety Six	296
William H. Potter of Dartmouth had	Seventy One	71
John O. Slocum of Dartmouth had	Three Hundred Forty Nine	349
Blanks.	Thirty Three	33

Benj. J. Potter Town Clerk of Dartmouth

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport.

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

Westport Dec. 9. 1895.

This is to 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. 5. 1895

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

Bristol S.S. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 and warn 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 Monday the ninth day of March next, it being the 2nd. Monday of said month, 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.
- 2nd. To choose the following Officers for three years, viz: one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one Road Commissioner, one School Committee, one Fish Commissioner, one Member of the Board of Health and two trustees of the Public Library. Also the following officers for the year ensuing, viz: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, one or more Constables, one or more Auditors, three Fence Viewers, four Landring Commissioners, and all other necessary Town Officers and Committees.
- 3rd. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.
- 4th. To determine to what department or departments the money last received from the County Treasurer for Dog Fund shall be appropriated.
- 5th. To make appropriations for the following purposes, viz: For support of Schools, School Houses and Lots, School Furnishings, Highway and Bridges, Paupers, Public Library, Incidental Expenses, State Aid and Soldiers Relief. Also transporting pupils to and from the public schools.
- 6th. To make appropriations for the salary of the Superintendent of Schools, and for the services of Town Officers and Committees.
- 7th. To make an appropriation sufficient to pay the awards caused by widening the Highway from Dartmouth at Westport Factory Village, to Fall River at the Narrows.
- 8th. To see if the town will vote to macadamize the road commencing at or near Brownell's Corner, thence easterly and southerly to Central Village, and if so make an appropriation therefor.
- 9th. To make an appropriation sufficient to pay all maturing notes, and interests on all notes against the town for the ensuing year.
- 10th. To see if the town will elect a committee to inquire into our present school system and to suggest methods and plans whereby it may be made more effective by consolidating said schools under the present system, or a graded system, or both, and to make a report of their findings and doings to the next annual town election.

- 11th. To see if the town will vote to alter, repair and widen the present structure or to build a new bridge on that part of the highway in said town known as "Picks" Bridge and make the necessary appropriation therefor.
- 12th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1893 entitled "An act to authorize towns to place the administration of their highways under a single highway surveyor."
- 13th. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day the same to be expended under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- 14th. To see if the town will donate a lot in the Cemetery for the interment of deceased Soldiers and Sailors.
- 15th. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to transfer the desks at school-house No. 8 (now closed) to either Kirby's Corner or westside river school.
- 16th. To see if the town will vote to supply the Almshouse with a steam heater, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.
- 17th. To see if the town will vote to use the upper room in the Town House for a Town Hall.
- 18th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a steam Road-roller, make the necessary appropriation therefor and appoint a committee to procure the same.
- 19th. To see if the town will vote to pay a reward for the arrest and conviction of Ben Thieves and make the necessary appropriation therefor.
- 20th. To see if the town will offer and pay a reward of ten dollars for every fox killed within the limits of the Town of Westport, by any legal resident of the Town of Westport. The payment of said reward to be approved by the Selectmen.
- 21st. To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.
- 22nd. To see if the town will authorize the Auditors to transfer sums of money from unappropriated money to other departments wherein there may be a deficit.
- 23rd. To see if the town will authorize the school committee, Overseers of Poor, Road Commissioners, and Board of Health to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- 24th. To see if the inhabitants will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes as will be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

- 25th. To determine the salaries or commission of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and Sealer of Weights and Measures for the ensuing year.
- 26th. To determine the wages per day or hour to be paid for labor on the highways the ensuing year for the following purposes viz: For a foreman, laborer, pair of oxen, a horse or pair of horses, plow, cart and scraper.
- 27th. To see if the town will accept the list of names of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
- 28th. To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.
- 29th. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date and to determine the rate per cent. of said interest.

The Town Clerk, Selectman, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Board of Health, Fish Commissioner, Constable, Fence Viewers, Landing Commissioners, Auditors and Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, to be voted for on 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 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 at Westport this twenty-fourth day of February in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Six.

Albert S. Sherman, } Selectmen
 Algren O. Tripp, }
 Andrew H. Soule. } Westport

Westport Feb. 29. 1896.

I have served this warrant by notifying the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs by posting up five attested copies nine days before said meeting: one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Westport Point Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office,

Daniel M. Sanford
 Constable
 of Westport.

Westport March. 9th. 1896.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk. The following officers were elected and votes passed.

Lyander F. Howland and Henry B. Tripp having been duly appointed tellers of votes by the Selectmen^{approved} and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

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

Voted To proceed to ballot for one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, one Selectman for three years, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, one Assessor for three years, one School Committee for three years, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Fish Commissioner for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, three Constables; one Board of Health three years, four Landing Commissioners, three Fence Viewers, three Auditors, one Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Voted To close the polls at 12½ 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: Albert S. Sherman Sworn.

Overseer of the Poor for 3 years: John A. Macomber 2d. Affirmed.

Assessor for 3 years: Jonathan Chace Sworn

School Committee for 3 years: Charles Fisher Accepted.

Road Commissioner for 3 years: Albert S. Sherman Sworn.

Fish Commissioner for 3 years: Lyander W. White

Library Trustees for 3 years: Mary E. Taylor Accepted.
Addie E. Soule Accepted.

Constables: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn,
William E. Butts Sworn.
Lafayette L. Gifford Sworn.

Board of Health for 3 years: Albert S. Sherman Sworn

Landing Commissioners: Charles Wing Sworn
George A. Tripp Sworn
Charles B. Tallman Sworn
Edward A. Howland Sworn

Fence Viewers: Daniel M. Sanford
David E. Mosher
Joseph B. Wordell Sworn

Auditors: Henry A. Allen
Aza B. Howland Sworn.
George F. Gifford Sworn.

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

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
Yes: 25. No: 172.

Voted To proceed to the further election of Town Officers.

Voted To elect one sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.
Preserved Tripp was elected and sworn.

Voted To elect 12 Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood and Bark.
The following were elected: viz.
Pelley S. Sanford Jr. Sworn
Philipander W. Brightman Sworn
Albert F. King
Sylvester C. Manley Sworn
Velator E. Macomber Sworn.
Melvin W. Cottle Sworn.
Preserved Tripp
Charles Beckards
Amos L. Wilson Sworn

Voted To reconsider the vote to elect 12 Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Voted To elect 9 Surveyors of Lumber & Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Voted To elect 3 Field Drivers. The following were elected
George P. Brownell Sworn. Joshua H. Wordell Sworn.
Chester P. Sanford

Voted To elect one Pound Keeper. Charles Duffany was elected and sworn.

Voted To lay the remainder of Article 2 on the table.

Voted To accept the report of the Auditors and place on file
To accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor and place on file.
To accept the report of the Landing Commissioners and place on file
To accept the report of the Road Commissioners and place on file

Voted To lay the remainder of Article 3 on the table.

- Voted To appropriate \$60. for the support of the Public Library from the Dog Fund.
 " " \$321.08 for the transportation of scholars to and from the public schools from the Dog Fund.
- Voted To appropriate \$5000. for the Support of Schools.
 " " 500. " " repairs of school houses and lots.
 " " 400. " " School furnishings
 " " 3500. " the support of Highways and Bridges
 " " 3000. " " " Paupers
 " pass the appropriation for the Public Library.
 " appropriate \$300. for Incidental Expenses
 " " 50. for State Aid
 " " 100. " Soldiers Relief.
 " pass the appropriation in regard to transportation of children to and from school.
- Voted To appropriate \$375. for the Salary of the Superintendent of Schools
- Voted To ask Mr. Brockway to speak in regard to schools.
- Voted To appropriate \$2400. for the payment of Town Officers and Committee.
- Voted That when this meeting adjourns it be until Saturday March 14th at 10 o'clock A. M.
- Voted To lay article 7th on the table
- Voted That we macadamize the road commencing at the foot of the hill west of Brownell's Corner and continue easterly and southerly towards George H. Sifford's Corner.
- Voted To appropriate \$4000. for macadamizing the above mentioned road.
- Voted To adjourn.

A true record.

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

Westport Mch. 14. 1896

Annual meeting met according to adjournment

- Voted To appropriate \$10 000. for the payment of maturing notes and interest on all notes against the town for the ensuing year.
- Voted To elect a committee of five persons to inquire into our present school system and to suggest methods and plans whereby it may be made more effective by consolidating said schools under the present system or a graded system, or both, and to make a report of their findings and doings to the next annual town election.
- The following persons were elected said committee, viz:
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| Albert D. Manchester | John A. Macomber 2d. |
| John W. Sifford | John C. Taylor |
| Cortez Allen | |
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 11 of the warrant.
- Voted To accept the provisions of chap. 374 Acts of 1895 by the use of the ballot and check list.
 Yes: 72. No: 70.
- Voted To take article 2d. from the table.
- Voted To proceed to elect by ballot a single Highway Surveyor under the provisions of Chap. 374. Acts of 1895.
 Peleg S. Sanford Jr. was elected and sworn.
- Voted To lay Article 2d. on the table.
- Voted To appropriate \$35. for Memorial Day to be expended under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- Voted That a committee of two be appointed to expend the appropriation for Memorial Day.
 Andrew G. Mosher and Albert M. Allen were elected.
- Voted That the Board of Government of Beech Grove Cemetery be authorized to set apart a lot for the burial of deceased soldiers and sailors.
- Voted To lay article 15th on the table
- Voted That the town do supply the alms-house with a steam heater.
- Voted To appropriate \$500. to supply the alms-house with a steam heater.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on ^{the} 17th ^{article} of the warrant.
- Voted To purchase a steam road roller and make an appropriation therefor.
- Voted To reconsider the vote in regard to purchasing a steam road roller.
- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 18th of the warrant.

Voted To lay article 19th. on the table.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 20th. in the warrant.

Voted To locate the High School at Head of Westport the ensuing year.

Voted To authorize the Auditors to transfer sums of money from unappropriated money to other departments wherein there may be a deficit.

Voted To authorize the School Committee, Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.

Voted. That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the Town of Westport, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow when necessary with the approval of the Selectmen of said town such sum or sums of money as may be needful not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars and to execute and deliver the promissory note or notes of the town therefor. Said note or notes to be paid during the present financial year from said taxes of the present municipal year.

The vote on the above was unanimous

Voted That the Treasurer receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent for all payments from the treasury.

Voted That the Collector of Taxes receive 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 That the compensation for labor on the Highway for the ensuing year be as follows: viz,

For a foreman	\$1.75	per day.
" " laborer	1.50	" "
" a pair of oxen	2.00	" "
" one horse	1.00	" "
" a pair of horses	2.00	" "
" a plough	.25	" "
" " cart	.25	" "
" " scraper	.25	" "

Voted To accept the list jurors as prepared by the Selectmen. viz.

Allen Benjamin W.
Allen Albert H.
Adams John H.

Brightman Perry P.
Blossom Eli W.
Borden Job.
Borden Charles R.

Coggeshall Bradford
Chace Charles A.
Chace Charles W.
Chace E. bridge J.
Cottle Robert H.

Davis Henry E.
Earl Isaac D.

Fennan Henry

Gifford William W.

Gifford Lafayette L.

Gifford Eugene B.

Gifford Pardon A.

Gifford James A.

Gibson Horace H.

Grinnell George B.

Howland John W.

Howland Edward A.

Kirby Charles E.

Kirby George W.

Macomber Isaac R.

Macomber Philander W.

Macomber John A. 2d.

Macomber Charles F.

Manchester Albert D.

Petty William H.
Peckham Samuel A.

Sisson Charles E.

Sanford Daniel M.

Sanford Ezra L.

Sherman Charles L.

Tripp Alfred C.

Tripp Henry B.

Tripp Eli F.

Wordell Joseph B.

Wordell Rufus E.

Young William A.

Voted To take Article 3d from the table.

Voted To accept the report of the Board of Government of Beech Grove Cemetery and place on file.

Voted To take Article 7th from the table.

Voted To appropriate \$2517.81 to pay the awards caused by widening the highway from Dartmouth at Westport Factory Village to Fall River at the Narrows.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to hire the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars as follows, with the approval of the Selectmen, and issue notes therefor, Four Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1898. Three Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1899. Three Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1900. said notes to be paid from the taxes of said years as stated above.

Yes: 22.

No: 1.

Voted That the balance of the appropriations be raised by taxation upon the polls and property of the resident and non resident taxpayers of Westport for the year 1896

Voted To charge interest on all taxes remaining ^{unpaid} after Nov. 3. 1896. at the rate of six percent per annum.

Voted To take article 17 from the table

Voted That a reward of \$25. be offered for the arrest and conviction of each and every hen thief.

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

Voted To adjourn.

A true record,

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport.
Bristol S. S. March 13. 1896.

Then personally appeared Albert F. King and made oath to the faithful discharge of his duty as Surveyor of Lumber, Wood and Bark for the year ensuing

Before me
Peleg S. Sanford Jr.
Justice of the Peace.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S. S. March 14. 1896
Then personally appeared Henry A. Allen Auditor Elect and solemnly affirmed that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of that office.

Before me
Charles Fisher
Justice of the Peace.

Received and recorded the two foregoing certificates this 14th day of March 1896.

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S. S. April 2. 1896.

Then personally appeared Edward S. Smith having been appointed by the Selectmen of Westport, Inspector of provisions and animals intended for slaughter or kept for the production of milk under the provisions of Chap. 491 acts of 1894 and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office conferred on him by said appointment

Before me

John A. Macomber 2d.
Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S. S. April 4th. 1896.

Then personally appeared Theodore B. Peirce having been appointed by the Selectmen of Westport, Inspector of provisions and animals intended for slaughter or kept for the production of milk under the provisions of Chap. 491 acts of 1894 and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office conferred on him by said appointment.

Before me

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

Received and recorded the two foregoing certificates this 4th day of April 1896.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S. S. April 25. 1896.

Then personally appeared Daniel M. Sanford having been appointed by the School Committee of Westport one of the Truant Officers of said Town for the year ensuing and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office to the best of his knowledge and ability.

Before 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 and warn 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 Saturday, the ninth day of May next, at 1.30 o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To elect a draw tender for the Westport Point bridge and to determine his salary.
- 3rd. To determine what person or persons shall have charge of the work of macadamizing of the highways in the town for the ensuing year.
- 4th. To determine what person or persons shall complete the contract made in behalf of the town between the Road Commissioners and the State Highway Commission.
- 5th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of so much of the State Highway as lies within the town limits, in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by said Commission, and under the supervision of and subject to the approval of said Commission, at a price to be agreed upon between said Commission and said Selectmen.
- 6th. To determine the compensation of the Single Highway Surveyor, elected at the annual meeting in March 1896.
- 7th. To see if the town will authorize the Single Highway Surveyor to order all bills for and on account of his department.
- 8th. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take such measures as may be necessary to revise and regulate the fares established by the Dartmouth and Westport Street Railway Company.
- 9th. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to establish and maintain a pound in the northern section of the town and if so to make an appropriation therefor and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport this twenty-fifth day of April, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren C. Tripp } of
Andrew B. Soule } Westport

Westport April 30, 1896.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 9 days before said meeting.

One at North Westport Post Office
One at Westport Post Office
One at South Westport Post Office
One at Central Village Post Office

Daniel B. Sanford
Constable of Westport

Westport May 9th. 1896

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant, and appointed Albert S. Sherman and Algren C. Tripp tellers of votes for Moderator and they were duly sworn by him.

Albert D. Manchester, was elected moderator and was qualified by affirmation before the Town Clerk.

Barton B. Manchester was elected draw tender for the Westport Point Bridge

Voted That the salary of the draw-tender be fixed at the rate of \$185. per annum.

Voted That Peleg S. Sanford Jr. be the person who shall have charge of the work of macadamizing of the highways in the town for the ensuing year.

Voted That the Selectmen in behalf of the town be authorized to complete the contract entered into by the Road Commissioners with the State Highway Commission to macadamize two miles of Highway.

Voted That action on Article 5. be indefinitely postponed

Voted That the compensation of the single highway surveyor be \$3. per day for himself and team.

Voted That the single Highway Surveyor be authorized to order all bills for and on account of his department.

Voted That we instruct the Selectmen to see what they can do towards getting the fares reduced and report to the petitioners.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 9 of the warrant.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To Harry L. Potter

You are hereby appointed Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport for the term of three years from the first day of May next. Given under our hands at Westport this twenty fifth day of April in the year Eighteen Hundred and ninety six.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Sowle } Westport

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol S.S. May 9. 1896.

Then personally appeared the within named Harry L. Potter and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Registrar of voters in the town of Westport during the term for which he had been appointed.

Before me

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

Recorded the foregoing appointment and oath May 11. 1896.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To Thomas W. P. Altz

You are hereby granted a license to establish let, keep open and maintain the grove known as Greenwood Park in the Town of Westport subject to the provisions of Chap. 309. Acts of 1885.

Said grove to be used for picnics, clambakes, amusements, and other lawful gatherings. All business for gain or reward and all amusements to cease at or before eleven o'clock P. M. The above license expires May 1st. 1897.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Sowle } Westport.

Westport, June 27. 1896.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk.

Recorded June 27. 1896. by me.

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk

Bristol S.S. Special Town Meeting

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 and warn 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 Wednesday the eighth day of July next at ten 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 vote to revise the By-laws of Beech Grove Cemetery, by allowing the lots in said Cemetery to be divisible.
- 3d. To see if the town will vote to transfer the balance in the treasury appropriated for the Stone Crusher in 1895, to the Stone Crusher account of 1896, or some other department.
- 4th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to grant the permit asked for by the City of Fall River in relation to the bridge at the "Warrows" or make such agreement with said City as may be for the interest of the town.
- 5th. To see if the town will vote to fill on the northerly side of the "Warrows" for a distance of about one hundred feet easterly from center of the bridge, and if so to make the necessary appropriation therefor, and determine the manner of raising said appropriation, and determine who shall superintend the work of said filling.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport, this twenty ninth day of June, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety six

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Sowle } Westport.

Westport July 1. 1896.

I have served this warrant by Posting up four attested copies within said town seven days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Westport July 8, 1896

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Algren C. Tripp teller of votes for moderator. And he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected moderator and was duly qualified by the Town Clerk.

Voted To lay article 2d. on the table.

Voted That the balance of the appropriation for the Stone Crusher in 1895 be transferred to the Stone Crusher account of 1896.

Voted To authorize the Selectmen to make such agreement with the City of Fall River as may be for the interest of the town in relation to the bridge at the Narrows.
Yes: 6. No: None.

Voted That the town of Westport fill the approach to the east side of the bridge at the Narrows to a point one hundred feet east of the center of said bridge said filling to be the width of the present road way to the width of the bridge as determined by the Selectmen and the City government of Fall River.

Voted To adjourn until Saturday July 25. at 10 o'clock A. M.

A true record

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

Adjourned Meeting July 25. 1896.

Meeting met according to adjournment.

Voted To appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars for filling on the northerly side of the road at the Narrows easterly from the new bridge to be built at that place.
Yes: 18. No: None.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of One Thousand Dollars to fill the approach at the Narrows and to issue a note therefor and the debt incurred under the authority of this vote is hereby made payable from the taxes for the year 1900.
Yes: 18. No: None.

Voted That the work of filling be left in the hands of the Selectmen providing the work be done by contract.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record,

Attest:

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 hereby directed to notify and warn 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 Saturday, the twenty-fifth day of July inst, at eleven 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.
- 2nd. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen contracting with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for further construction of the State Highway.
- 3rd. To take such other steps, looking toward the making and carrying out of said contract as may be necessary thereto.
- 4th. To make an appropriation for carrying on said contract and determine the manner of making said appropriation.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport, this seventeenth day of July in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algern C. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport July 18. 1896.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 7 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.
Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport

Westport July 25. 1896.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk who appointed Algern C. Tripp and Andrew H. Soule tellers of votes for moderator and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was duly elected moderator and qualified by affirmation before the Town Clerk.

Voted That James F. Jackson of Fall River be invited to address the meeting.

Voted To authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for further construction of the State Highway.

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to proceed forthwith to make contract.

Voted That the remainder of Article 3. be laid on the table.

Voted To appropriate the sum of \$2000. for carrying on said contract
Yes: 36. No: None.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:
John A. Macomber,
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 hereby directed to notify and warn 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 Saturday, the fifteenth day of August inst. at two o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles viz:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the general repairs of highways and bridges, and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.
- 3rd. To see if the Town will vote to pay a bounty of Ten Dollars to residents of the Town of Westport for every fox killed in said town between the 1st day of November '96, and the 1st day of March '97.
- 4th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to settle with John Sawton for rent of his land used for the stone crusher plant in 1895 and '96, and pay for the same from the Stone Crusher department.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to contracting with the Massachusetts Highway Commission and take such action on said report and contract as may appear to be for the interest of the town.
- 6th. To determine the manner of raising the sum of \$2000, appropriated at a meeting on July 25th '96, to be used in carrying on the contract of constructing the State Highway: Provided said appropriation is needed.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport this seventh day of August in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
 Algren C. Tripp }
 Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport Aug. 8, 1896.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town, 7 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
 Constable of Westport

Westport Aug. 15, 1896

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk who appointed Albert S. Sherman and Algren C. Tripp tellers of votes for moderator and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected moderator and duly qualified by affirmation administered by the Town Clerk.

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

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

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to settle with John Sawton for rent of his land used for the stone crusher plant in 1895 and '96.

Voted That the 2d. clause of article 4th. be indefinitely postponed.

Voted That further action on article 5th be indefinitely postponed.

Voted That the treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of Two Thousand Dollars appropriated at a Town Meeting held July 25, 1896 for the purpose of carrying on the contract for constructing the State Highway. Said money so hired to be paid from the money received from the State at the completion of the contract.
 Yes: 25 No: None.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
 Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 and warn 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 Tuesday, the third day of November next, it being the Tuesday after the first Monday in said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

To bring in to the Selectmen their votes for fifteen electors for President and Vice-President of the United States. Viz: Two at large and one for each Congressional district for the Commonwealth.

Also a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney-General for the Commonwealth.

A councillor from the first Council district, A Senator from the third Bristol District, Two Representatives in the General Court from the ninth Bristol District, Clerk of Courts, County Commissioner and a Representative in Congress from the thirteenth district. Also amendments to the constitution relative to biennial elections.

First Article of Amendment.

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Councillors shall hold their respective offices for two years next following the first Wednesday in the January succeeding their election, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

The secretary, treasurer and receiver general, auditor and attorney-general, shall hold their respective offices for two years, beginning with the third Wednesday in the January succeeding their election, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

A person shall be eligible as treasurer and receiver general for three successive terms, and no more.

The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; and thereafter elections for the choice of all the officers before mentioned shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

Second Article of Amendment.

Senators and representatives shall hold their respective offices for terms of two years, beginning with the first Wednesday in the January succeeding their election.

The first election to which this article shall apply shall be that held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

The general court shall assemble every year on the first Wednesday in January, and each general court shall, without any proclamation or other act of the governor, be finally dissolved on the day preceding the day appointed for the first assembling of the next elected general court. All the provisions of the Constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

The Polls will be opened at 10.15 o'clock A.M. and may be closed at 2.15 o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in four or more 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 Selectmen, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, at Westport, this twentieth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety six.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport Oct. 24. 1896.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 10 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford Constable of Westport.

Town Hall Westport, Nov. 3. 1896.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by Albert S. Sherman Chairman of the Selectmen. 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. At the close of the Polls the register stood at 399. Count of checks on lists was 390. Count of ballots was 390.

Lezsander F. Howland and Henry B. Tripp having been appointed ballot clerks, and Lafayette L. Gifford and William H. Gifford 3d having been appointed tellers and were all duly sworn by the town Clerk. George E. Handy and Charles E. Potter were appointed tellers and sworn by Albert S. Sherman presiding election officer.

Whole No. of ballots cast was Three Hundred Ninety 390

For Electors at Large

Ernest C. Marshall of Boston	had Thirteen	13.
Daniel W. Kenney of Holmoke	had Thirteen	13
Henry Winn of Malden	had Four	4
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	had Seventeen	17
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield	had Seventeen	17
John L. A. Brackett of Arlington	had Three Hundred Thirty Nine	339
William H. Haile of Springfield	had Three Hundred Thirty Nine	339

(over)

For Governor		
Thomas C. Brophy of Somerville had Two	2	
Allen Coffin of Nantucket had Fifteen	15	
Frederick C. Prince of Boston " Four	4	
George Fred Williams of Dedham Democratic had Thirteen	13	
George Fred Williams " " Peoples Party " Two	2	
George Fred Williams " " Democratic Bryan Nom. Paper had Three	3	
Roger Wolcott of Boston had Two Hundred Sixty Two	262	
Blanks	89	
For Lieutenant Governor		
Christopher J. Callahan of Holzoke had Fourteen	14	
W. Murray Crane of Dalton had Two Hundred Twenty	220	
Archibald Dakin of Brockton " Three	3	
James E. McConnell of Fitchburg had Three	3	
William W. Nash of Williamsburg had Fifteen	15	
Moritz E. Butcher of Holzoke had One	1	
Blanks	134	
For Secretary		
Asa F. Hall of Hudson had Two	2	
Waldo Lincoln of Worcester had Five	5	
William M. Olin of Boston " Two Hundred Nine	209	
Joseph H. Potts of Lynn " Eight	8	
Willard O. Wyke of Beverly had Fifteen	15	
Blanks	151	
For Treasurer		
Charles S. F. Claus of Malden had Two	2	
Robert C. Habberley of Hyde Park had Eighteen	18	
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport had Two Hundred Fifteen	215	
Horace P. Tober of Wareham had Four	4	
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree " Ten	10	
Blanks	141	
For Auditor		
Maurice P. Cavanaugh of Springfield had Five	5	
Maurice J. Fitzgerald of Boston had Nine	9	
Thomas A. Fiskell of Winesdale " Twelve	12	
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg " Two Hundred Twelve	212	
William P. Proctor of Marblehead had Two	2	
Charles C. Spellman of Springfield " Three	3	
Blanks	147	
For Attorney General		
John C. Chase of Haverhill had Two	2	
Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst " Twenty Two	22	
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn " Three	3	
Horea M. Fowolton of New Bedford had Two Hundred Thirty Eight.	238	
William H. Morse of Chelsea had One	1	
John B. O'Donnell of Northampton had Eight	8	
Blanks	116	

For Councillor First District		
Nathaniel F. Ogden of Middleborough had Two Hundred Twenty Nine	229	
Blanks	161	
For Senator- Third Bristol District.		
Charles J. Luce of New Bedford had Thirteen	13	
Rufus A. Soule " " " " Two Hundred Fifty Three	253	
Blanks	124	
For Representatives in General Court. Ninth Bristol District.		
Eli Handy of Westport had Sixty Four	64	
Robert Howard of Fall River " Twenty One	21	
Joseph O. Keill " " " " Two Hundred Twenty Four	224	
James Whitehead of " " " " One Hundred Fifty Seven	157	
Albert S. Sherman of Westport had One	1	
Blanks	313	
Clerk of Courts- Bristol		
Simeon Borden of Fall River had Two Hundred Seventy Five	275	
Blanks	115	
County Commissioner- Bristol.		
Edward Mott of Taunton had One Hundred Ninety Five	195	
Henry B. Tripp of Westport had One	1	
Eli Handy " " " " One	1	
Algren C. Tripp " " " " One	1	
William H. Potter of Dartmouth had One	1	
Blanks	191	
For Representative in Congress. Thirteenth District.		
James Francis Morris of Fall River had Eighteen	18	
John Simpkins of Yarmouth had Two Hundred Fifty Seven	257	
Blanks	115	
First Article of Amendment: Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of state officers be approved and ratified?		
Yes. Sixty Four.	64	
No. Seventy Three.	73	
Blanks	253	
Second Article of Amendment: Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of members of the general court be approved and ratified?		
Yes. Fifty Eight.	58	
No. Sixty Four	64	
Blanks	268	
Voted To adjourn.		
A true copy		
Attest:		
John A. Macomber 2d.		
Town Clerk.		

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the City and Town Clerks of Representative Dist. No. 9 met at the City Clerk's office in Fall River on Friday, Nov. 13th 1896 at 12 o'clock No. for the purpose of examining and comparing the transcripts of the records of the City and towns and the result of the balloting given in the third day of November 1896 for two representatives in Dist. No. 9 and to ascertain what persons if any have been elected to the General Court.

The whole number of ballots given in was	forty six hundred twenty four	4624
Eli Hardy of Westport had	Five hundred and seventy-six	576
Robert Howard of Fall River had	Nine hundred and eighty-seven	987
Joseph O. Neill of Fall River had	Fifteen hundred and forty	1540
James Whitehead of Fall River had	Fifteen hundred and twenty	1520
Albert S. Sherman of Westport had	One	1
		4624

Geo. A. Ballard Clerk of Fall River

John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport

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

Westport Dec. 5th. 1896.
This is to 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. 1896.

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

Special Town Meeting.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol S. J. 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 and warn 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 Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of November inst. at ten 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.
- 2nd. To see if the town will vote to appropriate sufficient sums of money for the following purposes viz: Services of Town Officers and committees, and support of Paupers, and determine the manner of raising said appropriations.
- 3rd. To see if the town will make an appropriation to pay for repairs on Hicks bridge, and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.
- 4th. To see if the town will vote to build the road on Horse Neck as ordered by the County Commissioners, and also, to determine who shall superintend said building. And whether said road shall be built by contract or otherwise, and make the necessary appropriation therefor, and determine how said appropriation shall be raised, and generally to act on all things that may pertain in any way to the subject matter of said road on Horse Neck.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport, this sixteenth day of November in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Eugene O. Tripp }
Andrew W. Bowle } Westport

Westport, Nov. 21. 1896.
I have served this Warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town seven days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office,
Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport November 28. 1896.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk who appointed Albert S. Sherman and Algren C. Tripp tellers of votes for Moderator and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

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

Voted To lay the first part of Art. 2d. on the table.

Voted To lay the second part of Art. 2d. on the table.

Voted Not to appropriate \$200. for the repairs of Hicks Bridge.

Voted To lay Article 3d. on the table.

Voted That Article 4th. be indefinitely postponed

Voted That we now adjourn

A true record

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

Fall River, Mass. May 11. 1889.

To the Honorable

The President and Board of Selectmen of the town of Westport, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company respectfully requests permission to construct, operate and maintain its line of poles and wires through your town from the Fall River City line to Westport Factory over and along the so-called new road.

The said Telephone and Telegraph Company desires to rebuild the line now standing on this route owned and occupied by the So. Mass Telephone Co. substituting stronger and better poles and removing the old poles.

The Telephone Company will do all its work in a thoroughly substantial and workmanlike manner under the direction and supervision of your street Committee or other party designated by you.

Very respectfully

The American Tel. & Tel. Co.

By A. E. Crocker

Permission as above is hereby granted.

Cortez Allen }
Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen of the
Algren C. Tripp } Town of Westport
Mass.

Received and recorded the above this 18th. day of December 1896.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol S. S. April 15. 1897.

Then personally appeared Charles Wing having been appointed Forest Fire Ward for the ensuing year and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office to the best of his knowledge and ability.

Before me

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Recorded by me April 15. 1897.

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

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 and warn 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 Monday, the eighth day of March next, it being the 2d. Monday of said month, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

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

Art. 2d. To choose the following officers for three years, viz: one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Fish Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health, and two Trustees of the Public Library. Also the following officers for the year ensuing, viz: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, one or more Constables, one or more Auditors, three Fence Viewers, four Landring Commissioners, a Single Highway Surveyor, and all other necessary Town Officers and Committees.

Art. 3d. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

4th. To determine to what department or departments the money last received from the County Treasurer for Dog Fund shall be appropriated.

5th. To make appropriations for the following purposes, viz: Salary of the Superintendent of Schools, services of Town Officers and Committees, support of Schools, Schoolhouses and Sots, School Furnishings, Highways and Bridges, Paupers, Public Library, Incidental Expenses, State Aid, Soldiers Relief and conveying pupils to and from the public schools.

6th. To see what action the Town will take in relation to having a Superintendent of Schools.

7th. To see if the Town will revoke its acceptance of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1895 relating to the office of a single highway surveyor.

8th. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sections 74, 75, 76 and 77, Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes.

9th. To see if the Town will elect three Road Commissioners: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

10th. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize the road from George E. Gifford's corner to Westport Factory store by way of the Forge Road, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

11th. To see if the Town will vote to macadamize the road from the foot of the hill west of Brownell's Corner, westerly to Robert Lawton's

corner. Provided: the citizens will subscribe one third of the cost of said macadamizing, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

12th. To see if the Town will vote to continue the macadamizing of the road from Crapo's corner southerly and make an appropriation therefor.

13th. To see if the Town will make a special appropriation to repair the road from Dartmouth line to the Narrows via Davis corner, to be expended by the approval of road officials.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to finish the highway westerly from the Dartmouth line at Horse Neck and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

15th. To see if the Town will vote for the Selectmen to make a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to macadamize the State Highway from where they left off to Dartmouth line, and if so to make an appropriation for carrying on said contract.

16th. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the two notes, given by the Town Treasurer for two thousand dollars, each, hiring money to carry on the contract of 1894 and 1896 with the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to make two or more office rooms in the Town Hall, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

18th. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, the same to be expended under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

19th. To see if the Town will approve of the petition and plan for a town-way at Acodset, filed with the Selectmen.

20th. To make an appropriation sufficient to pay all maturing notes, and interest on all notes against the town for the ensuing year.

21st. To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.

22d. To see if the Town will authorize the Auditors to transfer sums of money from unappropriated money to other departments wherein there may be a deficit.

23d. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Single Highway Surveyor, and Board of Health, to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.

24th. To see if the inhabitants will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of taxes as will be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

25th. To determine the salaries or commission of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and Sealer of Weights and Measures for the ensuing year.

- 26th To determine the wages per day for ordinary repairs on the Highways.
- 27th To determine the wages per day for labor in connection with the Stone Crusher plant, and macadamizing the highways.
- 28th To see if the Town will accept the list of names of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
- 29th To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.
- 30th To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance now standing to the credit of the several departments, viz: Horsehack road, Gravel banks, Water Cart and tools, and steam heater, to some other department.
- 31st To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date and to determine the rate per cent. of said interest.

The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Overseer of Poor, Assessor, School Committee, Single Highway Surveyor, Board of Health, Fish Commissioner, Constables, Fence Viewers, Landing Commissioners, Auditors and Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, to be voted for on 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 four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport, this twenty-third day of February in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
 Algren C. Tripp }
 Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport Feb. 26. 1897.

I have served this warrant by notifying the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in election and town affairs by posting up 5 attested copies 10 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
 Constable of Westport

Town House Westport March 8. 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. The meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk. The following officers were elected and votes passed.

Leopander F. Howland and Henry B. Tripp having been duly appointed tellers of votes by the Selectmen appeared and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

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

Voted To proceed to ballot for the following officers, viz: One Town Clerk, One Treasurer, One Collector of Taxes, One Selectman for 3 years, One Assessor for 3 years, One Overseer of the Poor for 3 years, One School Committee for 3 years, One Single Highway Surveyor, One Board of Health for 3 years, One Fish Commissioner for 3 years, Two Library Trustees for 3 years, Three Fence Viewers, Four Landing Commissioners, Three Constables, One Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, Three Auditors.

Voted To close the polls at 1 o'clock P. M.

The vote on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
 Yes: 33. No: 193.

The following officers were elected

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

Treasurer: John C. Macomber Sworn.

Collector of Taxes: John C. Macomber Sworn.

Selectman for 3 years: Andrew H. Soule Sworn.

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

Overseer of the Poor for 3 years: Charles R. Tallman Sworn.

School Committee for 3 years: Augustus R. Wood Accepted.

Single Highway Surveyor: Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn.

Board of Health for 3 years: Andrew H. Soule Sworn

Library Trustees for 3 years: John C. Taylor Accepted.
 William H. Petty Accepted.

Fence Viewers: Joseph B. Wordell Sworn.
 Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.
 Lafayette L. Gifford Sworn.

Landing Commissioners: Charles Wing Sworn
George A. Tripp Sworn
Charles R. Tallman Affirmed
Edward A. Howland Sworn

Constables: Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.
William E. Butts Sworn.
Lafayette E. Gifford Sworn.

Auditors: George F. Gifford Sworn.
Henry A. Allen Sworn.
Cortez Allen Sworn.

Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery: Joseph T. Sawton Sworn

Fish Commissioner: Richard S. Gifford

Voted To proceed to the further election of Town Officers

Voted To elect one Sealer of Weights and Measures. Preserved Tripp was elected and sworn.

Voted To elect 12 Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark. The following were elected, viz:

Delator E. Macomber
Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn
Philander B. Brightman
Joseph M. Skorrook
Alexander F. Howland Sworn
Benjamin W. Allen

Arthur M. Reed Sworn.
Melvin W. Gottle Sworn.
Amos L. Wilson Sworn.
Albert F. King Sworn.
Preserved Tripp
Asa S. Jones

Voted To elect 3 Field Drivers, viz: Isaac M. Sawton
William O'Brien Sworn. George R. Tripp

Voted To elect 1 Pound Keeper. William O'Brien ^{Sworn} was elected.

Voted To elect a draw tender for Westport Point Bridge: Barton B. Manchester was elected.

Voted To lay Article 2d. on the table.

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

Voted To lay the report of the Surveyor of Highways on the table.

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to Guide Posts and place on file.

Voted To accept the report of the Treasurer in relation to Town Landings.

Voted To accept the report of the Special Committee on education.

Voted To lay further action on said report on the table.

Voted That further action on article 3d. be laid on the table.

Voted To appropriate \$50. for the Public Library from the Dog Fund.

Voted To appropriate \$440.50 for transportation of scholars to and from school from the Dog Fund.

Voted That article 5th be laid on the table.

Voted That we do not have a Superintendent of Schools.
Yes: 73. No: 28.

Voted That when this meeting adjourns it shall be until Saturday March 13th. at 10 o'clock A. M.

Voted To adjourn.

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

Adjourned Annual Meeting.

Westport March 13th 1897.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 7. of the warrant.
" " " " " " " 8. " " "
" " " " " " " 9. " " "

Voted That we do macadamize the road from George E. Gifford's corner to Westport Factory store by way of the Forge road.
Yes: 51. No: 90.

Voted That the remaining part of article 10 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted That the Town macadamize the road from the foot of the hill west of Brownell's Corner westerly to Robert Sawton's corner: Provided the citizens pay one third the cost of said macadamizing.
Yes: 106. No: 53.

Voted To appropriate the sum of \$1100. for macadamizing said road.
Yes: 121. No: 7.

Voted That we do continue to macadamize the road from Crapo's corner southerly.
Yes: 124. No: 26.

Voted To appropriate the sum of \$3000. towards macadamizing said road.

- Voted That we appropriate the sum of \$1000. to repair the road from Dartmouth line to the Narrows via, Davis Corner to be expended by the approval of road officials.
- Voted That the town finish the highway westerly from Dartmouth line at Horse Neck.
- Voted To appropriate \$350. to finish said highway.
- Voted To take article 5 from the table.
- Voted To appropriate \$2400. for the payment of Town Officers & Committees.
- " " \$6000 " " support of schools.
- " reconsider the vote to appropriate \$6000. for the support of schools.
- " appropriate \$5500. for the support of schools.
- " lay the subject of appropriation for repair of school houses and lots on the table.
- " " " " " school furnishings on the table.
- " appropriate \$3000. for the support of Highways and Bridges.
- " " \$3000 for the support of Paupers.
- " to indefinitely postpone that part of Article 5 in relation to Public Library.
- " " " " " 5. " " " incidental expenses.
- " appropriate \$100. for State Aid.
- " " \$300 " Soldiers Relief.
- " indefinitely postpone that part of Article 5 in relation to transportation of children to and from school.
- Voted To reconsider the vote in regard to appropriating \$440.50 from the Dog Fund to the transportation of scholars.
- Voted That the sum of \$440.50 be transferred from the Dog Fund to the repair of School Houses and Lots.
- Voted To adjourn for 30 minutes.

Meeting again assembled

- J. W. Gifford offered the following motion: viz That the action of the Town in indefinitely postponing the last clause of Article 5. relating to conveying pupils to and from the public Schools be reconsidered.
- Voted To lay said motion on the table.
- Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to make contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to macadamize the State Highway from where they left off to Dartmouth line.
- Voted To appropriate the sum of \$2000 for the purpose of carrying on said contract.
- Voted To take the motion of J. W. Gifford from the table.
- Voted To reconsider the action of the town as expressed in the motion of J. W. Gifford.

- Voted To appropriate the sum of \$500. for the transportation of scholars to and from school.
- Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the notes mentioned in Article 16.
- Voted To construct four additional office rooms in the town hall.
- Voted That said rooms be located in the lower part of the town hall.
- Voted That the rooms be provided with proper heating facilities.
- Voted To appropriate the sum of \$200. for the construction of said rooms.
- Voted That the selectmen be instructed to carry out the votes of the town in relation to said rooms.
- Voted To appropriate the sum of \$30. for memorial day.
- Voted That Gustavus B. Wilbur be a committee to receive and expend said money under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- Gustavus B. Wilbur ~~be a committee to~~ having declined to serve as said committee Albert M. Allen was elected in his stead.
- Voted That the town do approve of the petition and plan for a town way at Acaxet as filed with the Selectmen.
- Voted To appropriate \$10300. to pay all maturing notes and interest for the ensuing year.
- Voted That the High School be located at the Head of Westport for the ensuing year.
- Voted That the town authorize the Auditors to transfer sums of money from unappropriated money to other departments wherein there may be a deficit.
- Voted To reconsider the vote in regard to macadamizing the road from Head of Westport to Westport Factory.
- Yes: 71. No: 90.
- Voted That the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Single Highway Surveyor, and Board of Health, ^{be authorized} to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- Voted That article 24 be laid on the table.
- Voted That the Treasurer be allowed $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent on all payments from the Treasury.
- " " Collector of Taxes " " 1 per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury.
- " " Salary of the Dealer of Weights and Measures be \$20.
- Voted That the compensation for labor on the Highway for the ensuing year be as follows: viz. Foreman \$1.75 per day. Laborer \$1.50 per day. One pair of oxen \$2. per day. One horse \$1. per day. A pair of Horses \$2. per day. Plough 25¢ per day. Cart 25¢ per day. Scraper 25¢ per day.

- Voted That the wages per day to be paid the man who feeds the crusher, the engineer or any one employed on other mechanical work be left to the discretion of the Highway Surveyor
- Voted That the wages per day for ordinary labor in connection with the Stone Crusher plant and macadamizing the highway be the same as for similar labor on the highway.
- Voted That teams employed in hauling stone in connection with macadamizing be paid the same as teams on the highway; and that Teams used on the roller be paid at the rate of \$4. per day for a man and pair of horses.
- Voted That article 24 be taken from the table for action
- Voted That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to hire a sum not to exceed twelve Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes for the current year.
- Voted To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, viz:

Allen Benjamin W.
 Allen Albert M.
 Brightman Perry P.
 Brownell George P.
 Blossom Eli W.
 Borden Charles R.
 Chace Charles A.
 Chace Charles W.
 Chace Elbridge G.
 Cottle Robert H.
 Davis Henry E.
 Earl Isaac D.
 Feenan Henry
 Gifford William W.
 Gifford Eugene B.
 Gifford Cordon A.
 Gibson George M.
 Grinnell George B.
 Howland Edward A.
 Kirby Charles E.

Kirby George W.
 Macomber Isaac R.
 Macomber Philander W.
 Macomber John A. 2d.
 Manley Sylvester L.
 Macomber Charles F.
 Manchester Albert D.
 Petter William H.
 Peckham Samuel A.
 Sanford Daniel M.
 Sanford Ezra L.
 Shorrock Joseph M.
 Sherman Charles L.
 Tripp Samuel G.
 Tripp Alfred C.
 Tripp Henry B.
 Tripp Eli F.
 Wordell Joseph B.
 Wordell Rufus E.
 Young William A.

- Voted To raise the sum of \$25,000. by taxation upon the polls and property of the resident and non resident taxpayers of Westport for the year of 1897.
- Voted To reconsider the last vote.
- Voted To raise the sum of \$24,780. by taxation upon the polls and property of the resident and non resident taxpayers of Westport for the year of 1897.
- Voted To lay article 29 on the table.
- Voted To transfer the balance now standing to the credit of the following departments

to unappropriated money, viz: Horse Neck Road, Gravel Banks, Water cart and tools and steam heater.

- Voted That interest be charged at the rate of six per cent on all taxes remaining unpaid after the Tuesday after the first Monday in November next.
- Voted That article 3 be taken from the table
- Voted That the report of the Board of Government of Beech Grove Cemetery be accepted and placed on file
- Voted That the report of the special committee on school affairs be taken from the table
- Voted That the report of the special committee on school affairs be adopted. Said report is as follows, viz:

Report of the Special Committee upon school affairs.

Voted: To elect a committee of five persons to inquire into our school system and suggest methods and plans whereby it may be made more effective by consolidating said schools under the present system, or a graded system or both and to make a report of their findings and doings to the next annual Town election.

Committee

Albert D. Manchester
 John C. Taylor

John A. Macomber 2d.
 John W. Gifford

Cortez Allen.

The Present School System.

We find the present school system to consist of eighteen buildings for school purposes situated as follows: one at North Westport, one on Sanford road, one near Mouse Mill, one at Brownells Corner, a two room building at Head of Westport, a Primary school building at same place, one building known as Eastside, one known as Westside, one at Kirby's Corner, one known as Stateside, one at Macomber's Corner, one at South Westport, one at Hicks Corner, one at Acoset, a two room building at Westport Point, one on Horse Neck road, a joint interest with the town of Dartmouth in a two room building at Westport Factory village, and one building on the drift road not in use.

All of the above buildings are heated by stoves using as fuel either wood or coal (mostly wood) and ventilated by means of doors and windows except the building at Westport Factory village where a few years since the jacketed stove system of ventilation was introduced.

Board of Management.

We find that the Board of Management consists of a committee of three elected by ballot, one each year and a Superintendent of the joint Superintendent District of Dartmouth and Westport. We find further that at present the town employs eighteen teachers drawing their entire salary from Westport and two teachers at the Union school whose salaries are paid equally by Dartmouth and Westport.

Grade of Schools.

We find the grade of schools as at present constituted is known as the ungraded school system except the following, viz: the Primary and Grammar schools at the Head of Westport, the Union School at

Westport Factory, the school at Westport Point when two teachers are employed and the High School.

Studies and Text books.

The studies authorized are those prescribed by law for use in schools of like character throughout the state. Text books in use for principal and supplementary work are of recent date and based largely upon modern methods of teaching.

The Government of the Schools

We find it hard to classify the existing methods of governing the schools. We may however state that the government is largely left with the teacher. Each teacher being allowed to employ such methods as he or she, may at their discretion think best adapted to accomplish the end sought.

The above outline briefly and concisely state the principal features of the present system of schools in the Town of Westport. That the system has much to recommend it we do not dispute yet we find it has also its weak inefficient and defective points as well, and it is this weakness inefficiency and defectiveness that has prompted the appointment of this committee to enquire into and suggest means whereby they may be mitigated or wholly overcome. Like the physician who makes a careful diagnosis of his patient's disease before he prescribes for its cure, we have sought to find wherein it falls short of the purpose for which it was intended. The unthinking and heedless person will say there is no need of any change or improvement. It has answered the purpose of our fathers, grandfathers and great grand fathers. So the wooden plough and harrow answered the purpose of the generation in which they were used but which of you tillers of the soil would be willing to discard the modern plough and harrow for the substitution of the wooden implements of a past generation, the necessities of the present age demand the more thorough working implements of modern times, so the present age demands the improved methods for the preservation of health of both body and mind for education is nothing more or less than the development of a healthy mind in a healthy body.

We find the principal defects of the present system of schools to be as follows. Badly constructed school buildings as regards methods of heating, ventilating, the admission of light, hall room, necessary room for the display of maps, charts, blackboards and other necessary modern school appliances. These defects apply in a greater or less degree to every school building in town but with greatest force to those school rooms that are overcrowded, the most notable examples of which are the Primary school room and High school room at the Head of Westport either of which is liable to be complained of and closed until proper sanitary conditions for the preservation of health are observed. The present means of heating (wood being the chief factor) are faulty as it in the hands of the most careful teacher creates an uneven temperature while in the hands of a careless or inexperienced teacher it becomes still more pernicious in its effects.

The present means of ventilation are still more faulty than that of heating. Ventilation by windows is dangerous because they create direct drafts of cold air across the room on a plane with the lungs when they are unprepared by proper protection to receive them.

Ventilation by doors creates currents along the floor subjecting feet and legs to sudden exposure, in either case subjecting the child to sudden

colds and in due season chronic disease in the form of catarrh and bronchial affections. Keep the doors and windows closed says the unthinking person. Science tells us that want of fresh and pure air weakens the system and renders it susceptible to disease. It has also told us how to guard against defects in the construction of our school buildings. Under the present system some of our buildings need raising up between joints and enlarging so as to accommodate with comfort the number of pupils collected therein. The high school room needs remodelling both as to internal arrangement and its hall way. The Sanford school building will soon have to be enlarged if there is further increase of children in that vicinity. The Brownells Corner building needs replastering and other repairs. The building at the Point will need further repairs to make it tenable for school purposes. The building at Kirby's Corner needs new floor and reseating with modern seats. And all the school buildings need to be supplied with some method of ventilation that will insure pure air for the proper maintenance of the health and the intellectual vigor of the mind of the child. We also find inefficient work on the part of many of our teachers arising from various causes. We do not wish to be understood that our teachers are lacking in moral character or a sincere purpose of heart to fill the positions to which they are chosen to the utmost extent of their ability. The lack of special training is partly responsible for their failure, the innovations of modern methods of teaching thus overloading the teacher, the use of text books calculated for use in graded schools and our ungraded system of schools are responsible for the rest.

A comparison of the wages paid our teachers with the average wages paid to teachers throughout the state will perhaps index somewhat correctly the kind of work done in our schools. Pay of male teachers employed \$40. and \$55. per month. Average price paid for male teachers is \$136.03 per month throughout the state. Pay of female teachers is \$25. to \$36.00 per month, average price paid per month throughout the state is \$54.30.

Judging from the above comparison we are doing our teachers great injustice if the work they render the town is approximately near the average work rendered throughout the state by compelling them to accept wages far below the average wages paid for such work, or on the other hand the wages paid is an equivalent for the work rendered and a fair index of the character of said work.

We also find other reasons at work which are destined to exert a great influence in moulding the character of the public schools some of which we briefly enumerate as follows: The probable compulsory law of Superintendence, The probable law requiring special training on the part of the teacher for his or her work.

The ever increasing interest of the State in the needs of the smaller towns in education. The constantly widening field of employment for women thus enhancing their wages as indicated by statistics of all industries and especially that of teaching. The influx into our midst of more or less of foreign population, until almost every school contains some pupils unacquainted with our language.

Suggestions and recommendations.

The geographical situation of the town its present valuation, its indebtedness, and high rate of taxation all enter into and largely modify the highest development of our schools. The ideal school of the present age is a full graded school but the scattered rural population prevent for the present that consummation of our school system. After considering the necessities of changing the present system of schools and the advantages to be gained thereby your committee submit the following as being under the present circumstances the best the situation will permit, and consists of a High School, four intermediate schools, four primary schools, two ungraded schools,

and the present Union School. For the accommodation of the above schools we recommend as soon as the financial condition of the Town will allow the erection of the following buildings for school purposes. First: A three room building at Head of Westport, one room for the accommodation of the High School one for the grammar or intermediate and one for the primary school all under one roof and all on the ground floor, a two room building on or near the present school building site at North Westport utilizing if possible the present school building at that place, a two room building at or near Central Village, and a two room building near Hotel Westport at Westport Point, and make such changes in the Union, the one at Acaxet and the one near Siken's corner as may be needed for the health, comfort and intellectual advancement of the pupils therein. We further recommend that if this report is adopted that the three room building recommended to be located at Head of Westport be erected first and the others in such order as may be called for. We further recommend that all old buildings and their sites be sold when no longer needed for school purposes.

We further recommend lines of transportation to be established for all children not within walking distance when such buildings are completed and occupied as the situation calls for, for the accommodation of the pupils to be conveyed.

We further recommend that in the construction of new school houses that neat plain and substantial structures be erected of sufficient size for air space so arranged both externally and internally as to admit necessary light, and the display of maps, charts, black-boards and other school appliances necessary in each room also the use of best methods of heating and ventilating that science has proven feasible for buildings of like character, also halls of sufficient size to accommodate all pupils when not in their seats, and that all rooms be arranged on the ground floor.

We further recommend that the High School be permanently located at the Head of Westport as being the most central situation taking into consideration the means of conveyance of pupils thereto and the necessity of a properly arranged room for the greatest advancement of the pupils.

We further recommend that as soon as suitable rooms are provided the adoption of the partial grading of the schools as may be best adapted to meet the situation, for all pupils not entitled to enter the High school not however overloading the teacher in any one room with an excessive number of recitations.

We further recommend that the promotion of the child from grade to grade and from room to room be based upon the qualification of the child so to be promoted rather than that of favoritism or age. We further recommend that trained and skilled teachers be employed when practicable to fill vacancies especially in the primary department. We further recommend that the courses of study be enlarged if found to be practicable, so as to cover the necessary qualification on the part of the High School graduate as will entitle him or her to enter the normal school or failing in that we recommend the studies used to correspond to the first and second or first, second and third years of the best city High School so those who desire may complete their education therein, for that purpose. We further recommend that suitable school appliances be supplied each room such as maps, charts, blackboards, globes and other apparatus necessary for the elucidation of the subjects taught therein, and that suitable cabinets or rooms be provided for their preservation and protection as found necessary.

We further recommend the continuance of the District plan of superintendency of our schools as being the best the situation affords. We further recommend that the remote schools at Acaxet and Allen Neck be supplied with school appliances covering so far as practicable the appliances of the primary and intermediate schools of the consolidated plan. All of which recommendations are respectfully submitted.

A. D. Manchester
J. C. Taylor
John W. Gifford
John A. Macomber 2d.
Cortez Allen

} Special
Committee
for the
Town of
Westport

Voted That the Auditor's report be corrected by transferring the sum of \$500. from the Superintendent of Schools Acct. to the School Account.

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

Voted To take article 29 from the table.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of six thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes for the year 1900; and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes. The above sum is hired for repairs of Highways.
Yes: 25. No: None.

Voted To take Article 5 from the table so far as relates to school furnishings.

Voted To appropriate \$500. for School Furnishings.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

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

Westport March 15th. 1897.

Then personally appeared Vellator E. Macomber of said Westport and made oath to faithfully & impartially perform the duties of Surveyor of Lumber & measurer of wood and bark for the year ensuing.

Before me
Charles H. Macomber
Justice of the Peace.

Recorded by me March 22. 1897.

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

To Theodore B. Pierce

You are hereby appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions for the Town of Westport for the term of One year from the 1st day of April next.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
 Algren O. Tripp }
 Andrew W. Soule } Westport.

Westport Mar. 17th 1897.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Bristol S.S. Westport Mch. 27. 1897.

Then personally appeared the within named Theodore B. Pierce and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Inspector of Animals and Provisions to the best of his knowledge and ability during the term for which he has been appointed.

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

Recorded the foregoing Mch. 27. 1897.

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

To Edward S. Smith

You are hereby appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions for the Town of Westport for the term of One year from the 1st day of April next.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
 Algren O. Tripp }
 Andrew W. Soule } Westport.

Westport Mar. 17th 1897.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Bristol S.S. March 30. 1897.

Then personally appeared the within named Edward S. Smith and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Inspector of Animals and Provisions to the best of his knowledge and ability during the time for which he has been appointed.

Before me
 John A. Macomber 2d.
 Town Clerk.

Recorded the foregoing Mch. 30. 1897.

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

Special Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 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 and warn 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 Saturday the seventeenth day of April inst., at 1.30 o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles viz:

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

Art. 2d. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken at the Annual Meeting wherein it was voted to Macadamize the Road commencing at the foot of the Hill West of Brownells Corner, thence to Robert Sawtons corner.

Art. 3d. To see if the Town will vote to Macadamize the road from the store at Westport Factory, to George O. Giffords corner, via Forge Road, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

Art. 4th To see if the Town will vote to allow the removal of the Crusher Plant to North Westport to use in repairing the road between the Dartmouth line and the Narrows.

Art. 5th To see if the Town will appoint a Superintendent to run the Stone Crusher, and make an appropriation to pay his wages.

Art. 6th To see if the Town will accept the town way known as Atlantic Avenue in Scoggetts as laid out by the Selectmen, and make the necessary appropriation for building the same and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.

Art. 7th To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy Five dollars, towards the Salary of Superintendent of Schools as required by law.

Art. 8th To see if the Town will vote, to allow the children attending School in Fall River, a proportionate part of the money appropriated for transportation.

Art. 9th To see if the Town will devise some plan to secure better ventilation in the High School room at Westport Village and make the necessary appropriation.

Art. 10th To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of \$467.00 now standing to the filling at the Narrows department to the Town Hall and Soot department.

Art. 11th To see if the Town will vote to adopt the first five sections of Chapter 101 of the Public Statutes, and to see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to proceed to demolish or remove a certain building as requested by petition signed by Rodolphus D. Wicks and 54 others.

Art. 12th To determine the manner of raising the \$2000. dols. appropriated at the annual Town meeting, to be used in constructing the State Highway, provided said amount is needed.

Art. 13th To determine the Salary of the Draw Tender, at Westport Point Bridge for the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport this eighth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport April 10. 1897.

I have served this warrant by posting up 5 attested copies within said town 7 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Westport Point Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport April 17. 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. The meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk who appointed Algren O. Tripp and Andrew H. Soule tellers of votes for moderator and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

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

Voted That action under Article 2d. be indefinitely postponed.

Voted That action on Article 3d. be indefinitely postponed.

Voted That the repair of the road at North Westport be left to the discretion of the Highway Surveyor
Yes! 104. No! 20.

Voted That action on the first part of Article 5 be indefinitely postponed

Voted That action on the last part of Article 5 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted To accept the Town way in Acaxet as laid out by the Selectmen and known as Atlantic Avenue

Voted That we appropriate the sum of \$1500. to build the said Town way in Acaxet.

Voted That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to hire the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars with the approval of the Selectmen, to build the road in Acaxet as laid out by the Selectmen. Said sum to be paid from the taxes of 1898.

The above vote was carried by more than two thirds vote
Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to build said road by contract.

Voted That Job S. Gidley of Dartmouth be allowed to speak on article 7th. of the warrant.

Voted That we appropriate the sum of \$375. for the salary of a superintendent of schools.

Voted That it is the sense of this meeting that we do allow the children attending school in Fall River a proportional part of the transportation fund.

Voted That a committee of three be appointed to consider and devise some plan to secure better ventilation in the High School room at Westport Village and report at the annual meeting in 1898.

Voted That the School Committee be said committee

Voted That action on article 10 be indefinitely postponed.

Voted The town adopt the first five sections of Chapter 101 of the Public Statutes.

Voted To indefinitely action on the last part of Article 11 of the warrant.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the selectmen, to hire the sum of two thousand dollars to be used in constructing the State Highway, provided said amount is needed, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from the money received from the State at the completion of the contract.
Yes! 36. No! None.

Voted The salary of the draw Tender of Westport Point Bridge be \$185. per annum.

Voted To pay Albert D. Manchester \$5. for his services as Moderator of the annual town meeting.

Voted To adjourn.

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. May 22d. 1897.

Then personally appeared Barton B. Manchester and made oath that he would faithfully perform his duties as draw-tender of the Horseneck Bridge.

Before me
Charles Fisher
Justice of the Peace.

Received and recorded the foregoing May 29. 1897.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. June 2d. 1897.

Then personally appeared Jacob Cornell and declared his acceptance of the office of forest fire ward for the ensuing year to which he had been duly appointed by the Selectmen of Westport.

Before me
John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To Thomas W. P. Altz

You are hereby granted a license to establish, let keep open, and maintain the Grove known as Greenwood Park in the Town of Westport subject to the provisions of Chap. 309, Act of 1885.

Said Grove to be used for picnics, clambakes, amusements and other lawful gatherings. All business for gain or reward, and all amusements to cease at or before 11 o'clock P.M. This license expires May 1st. 1898.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren C. Tripp }
Andrew H. Sowle } Westport

Westport June 3d 1897.

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

The foregoing license recorded by me June 3. 1897.

A true copy

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To Eli Handz

You are hereby appointed Registrar of Voters of the Town of Westport for the term of three years from the first day of May next.

Given under our hands at Westport this 30th day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety seven

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren C. Tripp }
Andrew H. Sowle } Westport

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. June 26. 1897.

Then personally appeared the within named Eli Handz and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Registrar of voters during the time for which he has been appointed

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

Recorded by me June 26. 1897.

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To Edward M. Boyce Jr.

Special Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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 and warn 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 Saturday the seventeenth day of July inst., at two o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2d. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of \$467, now standing to the Filling at the Narrows department, to unappropriated money account or some other department.

Art. 3d. To see if the Town will vote to pay the amount of \$838.63 with interest, on account of the construction and expenses of the New Highway on the Horseneck, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and if so, to make an appropriation for the same and determine the manner of raising said appropriation. And generally to act on any matter that may pertain in any way to the said Highway, or said order.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport this seventh day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren C. Tripp }
Andrew B. Soule } Westport.

Westport July 10. 1897.

I have served this warrant by notifying the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in election and town affairs by posting up 4 attested copies 7 days before said meeting one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Westport July 17. 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled; the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Algren C. Tripp teller of votes for moderator and he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was unanimously elected moderator and took the affirmation before the Town Clerk.

Voted That the amount of \$467. now standing to the filling at the Narrows Department be transferred to the special repair department of the road from the Dartmouth line to the Narrows.

Voted To lay the first 3 sections of Article 3d of the warrant on the table.

Voted That the Selectmen be requested to make an investigation of the specifications in relation to the building of the Horseneck road and ascertain if the road has been built in accordance therewith and if necessary they be empowered to employ an engineer to assist them in their investigation and report at an adjournment of this meeting.

Voted To adjourn until Saturday August 7th. at 2 o'clock P. M.

A true record,

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

Westport Aug. 7. 1897.

Meeting Met agreeable to adjournment. Albert D. Manchester Moderator in the chair.

Voted To accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to the Horseneck Road.

Voted That the engineer be permitted to speak on the subject of the road.

Voted That a committee of two citizens of this town be elected and authorized to employ counsel as to whether under the conditions of the report rendered by the Selectmen and the engineer employed by them the town is liable for the sum demanded, and report at an adjourned meeting.

Gehial Baker, John B. Taylor and John W. Gifford were elected as members of said committee but severally declined serving. Albert D. Manchester and John A. Macomber 2d. were then elected as the committee mentioned in the above vote.

Voted: That when the meeting adjourns it be until Saturday Aug 28th. at 10 o'clock A. M.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

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

Westport August, 28th, 1897.

Meeting met according to adjournment. Albert D. Manchester
Moderator in the chair.

The committee appointed to secure legal counsel
submitted their report.

Voted To accept the report of the committee.

Voted That the first three sections of Article 3d. be taken from the table
for action.

Voted That the town pay to Bristol County the amount of \$8338.63,
with interest on account of the construction of the new Highway
on the Horsesneck as ordered by the County Commissioners.

Voted That the treasurer be authorized with the approval of the select-
men, to hire the sum of Eight Thousand three Hundred and
thirty eight and ³/₁₀₀ dollars together with an amount equal to
the interest and costs thereon for the payment of the cost of
construction and expenses of the Highway on Horsesneck and
issue a note or notes of the town therefor and the debts incurred
under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable in
anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year.

Voted That the Board of Selectmen be instructed and authorized to
appear before the board of County Commissioners as soon as
may be after payment for the Highway on Horsesneck and ask
for a rebate of a portion of the expense of said Highway.

Voted That we now adjourn.

A true record

Attest:
John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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
and warn 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 Saturday the twenty-fifth day
of September inst, at ten 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.
- 2nd. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of the special
appropriation made at the last annual town meeting to finish the highway
westerly from the Dartmouth line at Horsesneck to the Highway and Bridges
department, said unexpended balance being \$127.77.
- 3d. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$85.75 to the Highway
department, said sum being the unexpended balance appropriated for the
construction of the Town way at Acoset known as Atlantic Avenue.
- 4th. To see if the town will raise such sum of money as may be necessary for
further repairs of highways and bridges, and make an appropriation
for the same also to determine the manner of raising such appropria-
tion, and to act on any matter that may pertain in any way to pro-
cure said appropriation for the repairs of said highway.
- 5th. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the claim made by
Albert J. Seaburg of Little Compton, for loss of his horse caused as he claims,
by a defect in the highway in the Town of Westport.
- 6th. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the suits against the
town, now pending in the superior court, said suits being instituted by
A. Franklyn Howland et. al. and Esther M. Davis, claiming land
damage for laying out the town way in Acoset known as Atlantic
Avenue.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or
more attested copies thereof 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 afore-
said.

Given under our hands at Westport this eleventh day of September
in the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew H. Sowle } Westport

Westport Sept. 23. 1897.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 10 day before said meeting, one at North Westport Post office, one at Westport Post office, one at South Westport Post office, one at Central Village Post office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport

Westport Sept. 23. 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant, the legal voters assembled the meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk who appointed Albert D. Sherman and Algren O. Tripp tellers of votes for moderator and they were sworn by him.

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

Voted To lay Articles 2d, 3d & 4th on the table

Voted That Albert J. Seabury of Little Compton have the privilege of the floor.

Voted That the claim of Albert J. Seabury for loss of horse be settled.

Voted That the auditors of the town are hereby instructed to transfer the amount needed for such settlement from any money that may be in the treasury that is not otherwise appropriated

Voted To take articles 2d, 3d, & 4th from the table.

Voted That the town do not transfer the amount of \$127.77 balance of the appropriation to finish highway on Horseneck to the highway and bridge department

Voted That the unexpended balance of \$85.25 from the appropriation for building of Atlantic Avenue be transferred to the highway and bridge repair department.

Voted That action on the 4th article of the warrant be indefinitely postponed

Voted That a committee of three persons, other than the Selectmen, be appointed to confer with the claimants in the cases of A. Franklyn Howland et al. and Esther M. Davis and arrange for a settlement of their respective claims and report to an adjournment of this meeting

Albert D. Manchester John A. Macomber 2d. and John W. Gifford were elected said committee

Voted That when we adjourn it be until Saturday October 9th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Voted To adjourn

A true record

Attest:
John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk

Town House Westport. Oct. 9. 1897.

Meeting met agreeable to adjournment, Albert D. Manchester Moderator in the chair.

Voted That the report of the special committee on damages on account of Atlantic Avenue be accepted and placed on file

Voted That G. Fred Davis of Fall River have the privilege of the floor.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to tender to the parties named in article 6th of the warrant the sum of \$400. in full payment of all damages claimed to be sustained by them by the action of the town by its Selectmen in the layout and building of said Atlantic Avenue.

Voted To reconsider the vote whereby the town voted, that the claim of Albert J. Seabury for loss of horse be settled.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to settle the claim of Albert J. Seabury of Little Compton for loss of horse, at an expense not exceeding \$125. providing that they deem it for the interest of the town, after making due investigation, as to do.

Voted To reconsider the vote last past.

Voted That Algren O. Tripp be appointed to investigate the claim of Albert J. Seabury for the loss of his horse and report to the annual meeting of 1898.

Voted That we now adjourn.

A true record

Attest:
John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Bristol S.S. County, Greeting: To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County,
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the second day of November next, it being the Tuesday after the first Monday in said month at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

To bring into the Selectmen their votes for Governor: Lieutenant Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; and Attorney General for the Commonwealth: a Councillor from the first councillor district: a Senator from the third Bristol district: two Representatives in the General Court from the ninth Bristol district: One County Commissioner and County Treasurer for the County of Bristol: and Register of Deeds for the Southern district.

The Polls will be opened at 10.15 o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2.15 o'clock P. M.

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

Given under our hands at Westport, this twentieth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety-seven

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
 Algren C. Tripp }
 Andrew H. Soule } Westport.

Westport, Oct. 25. 1897.

I have served this warrant by posting up 4 attested copies within said town 7 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office,

Daniel M. Sanford
 Constable of Westport.

Town Hall Westport Nov. 2. 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order by Albert S. Sherman Chairman of the Selectmen. 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 188. Count of checks on lists was 187. Count of ballots was 187.

Then personally appeared Alexander F. Howland and Henry B. Tripp having been appointed ballot clerks and William H. Gifford 3d, Lafayette L. Gifford, George E. Handy and Charles E. Potter having been appointed tellers and were all sworn by the Town Clerk.

For Governor
 John Bascom of Williamstown had Eighteen 18
 William Everett of Quincy had Six 6
 George Fred Williams of Dedham had Seven 7
 Roger Wolcott of Boston had One Hundred Thirty Two 132
 Blanks 24

For Lieutenant Governor
 Christopher J. Callahan of Holmoke had Six 6
 James E. Potter of Hyde Park had Four 4
 W. Murray Clark of Dalton had One Hundred Twenty Seven 127
 Willard O. Wylie of Beverly had Eighteen 18
 Blanks 32

For Secretary
 Charles D. Nash of Whitman had Six 6
 William M. Chin of Boston had One hundred Twenty One 121
 Edwin Sawtell of Brockton had Nineteen 19
 Bernard M. Wolf of Boston had Five 5
 Blanks 36

For Auditor
 Harry Douglas of Great Barrington had Three 3
 John W. Kimball of Fitchburg had One Hundred Twenty Seven 127
 Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill had Five 5
 Herbert M. Small of Templeton had Seventeen 17
 Blanks 35

For Attorney General
 Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst had Sixteen 16
 William Harrison of Lawrence had One 1
 Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford had One Hundred Thirty Three 133
 William W. McClench of Chicopee had Three 3
 John A. O'Keefe of Lynn had Five 5
 Blanks 29

For Councillor - First District
 Nathaniel F. Ryder of Middleborough had One Hundred Twenty Six 126
 Blanks 61

For Senator - Third Bristol District.
 Charles J. Luce of New Bedford had Twelve 12
 Rufus A. Soule of New Bedford had One Hundred Thirty Eight 138
 Blanks 37

Representatives in General Court - Ninth Bristol District.
 John W. Connolly of Fall River had Twenty Three 23
 Eli Handy of Westport had Forty Two 42
 Robert Howard of Fall River had Twenty Four 24
 James Preston of Fall River had Fifty Nine 59
 James Whitehead of Fall River had Seventy Two 72
 Albert S. Sherman of Westport had One 1
 William H. Gifford 3d of Westport had One 1
 Blanks 152

For County Commissioner - Bristol
 Cortez Allen of Westport had One Hundred Sixty Three 163
 John M. Hathaway of Fairhaven had Two 2
 William Sanders of New Bedford had Thirteen 13
 Blanks 9

For Register of Deeds - Bristol Southern District
 George B. Richmond of New Bedford had One Hundred Forty Three 143
 Blanks 44

For County Treasurer - Bristol
 George F. Pratt of Taunton had One Hundred Thirty 130
 Blanks 57

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

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

To the Town Clerk of Westport
 Sir:

After giving due notice the Selectmen and School Committee of Westport met at Town Hall Oct. 16. 1897 in joint convention and elected Alfred C. Tripp to fill the vacancy upon said School Committee caused by the death of Charles Fisher

Albert S. Sherman Chairman.
 Annie E. Sherman Sec.

Westport Point Mass. Oct. 18th. 1897.
 Mr. John A. Macomber
 Town Clerk of Westport

Dear Sir:

I have just received notice by Annie E. Sherman Secretary, of my election to fill the vacancy upon the School Committee caused by the death of Charles Fisher for the remainder of the municipal year. I will accept the position.

Very respectfully
 Alfred C. Tripp

The foregoing appointment and acceptance were recorded by me
 Nov. 2. 1897.

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

City Clerks Office Fall River Mass Nov. 12. 1897.

The Clerks of the City of Fall River and Town of Westport met this day and examined the returns for Representative in the 9th Bristol district and find

That John W. Connolly had 855
 Eli Hoagdy " 398
 Robert Howard " 843
 James Preston " 761
 James Whitehead " 1021
 Albert S. Sherman " 1
 William H. Gifford " 1

And we do declare that John W. Connolly and James Whitehead were duly elected.

Geo. A. Ballard Clerk City of Fall River.
 John A. Macomber 2d. Town Clerk of Westport.

Recorded by me Nov. 12. 1897.

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

Westport March. 28. 1898.

This is to 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. 1897.

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

Special Town Meeting
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
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 and warn 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 Saturday the twenty-seventh day of November inst, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following article, viz:

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will choose one or more persons to act as agents to settle or defend the suits against the town now pending in the superior court, said suits being instituted by A. Franklyn Howland et. als. and Esther M. Davis claiming land damage for laying out the town way in Acoset known as Atlantic Avenue, and if so chosen to authorize and instruct said agents what course to pursue, and make an appropriation to defray the expenses that may be incurred by said agents in settlement or defending said suits, and determine the manner of raising said appropriation.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said town 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 aforesaid.

hands at Westport this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren C. Tripp }
Andrew W. Soule } Westport

Westport Nov. 20. 1897

I have served this warrant by notifying the inhabitants of the Town of Westport by posting up 4 attested copies 7 days before said meeting one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable
of Westport

Town House Westport Nov. 27. 1897.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant and appointed Albert S. Sherman teller of votes for Moderator and he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Releg S. Sanford Jr. was elected Moderator unanimously and sworn by the Clerk.

Voted That the first part of article 2d be laid upon the table.

Voted That the town defend the suits instituted by A. Franklyn Howland et. als. and Esther M. Davis claiming land damage for laying out the town way in Acoset known as Atlantic Avenue.

Voted To take the first part of Article 2d. from the table.

Voted That the selectmen be the agents of the town to defend the suits mentioned in Article 2d. of the warrant.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized and instructed to hire with the approval of the selectmen such sums of money as may be necessary to defend the suits of A. Franklyn Howland et. als. and Esther M. Davis now pending in the Superior Court, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1901.

Yes: 6. No: None.

Voted That we do now adjourn.

A true record

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 hereby directed to notify and warn 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 Monday, the fourteenth day of March next, it being the 2d. Monday of said month, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

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

2d. To choose the following officers for three years viz: one Selectmen, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one Member of the School Committee, one Fish Commissioner, one Member of the Board of Health, and two Trustees of the Public Library.

Also the following officers for the year ensuing, viz: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one Member of the School Committee, Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery, one or more Constables, one or more Auditors, three Fence Viewers, four Standing Commissioners, a Single Highway Surveyor, a draw tender for the Westport Point Bridge, and all other necessary Town Officers and Committees.

3d. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

4th. To determine to what department or departments the money last received from the County Treasurer for Dog Fund shall be appropriated.

5th. To make appropriations for the following purposes, viz: Salary of the Superintendent of Schools, Services of Town Officers and Committees, support of Schools, School houses and lots, School Furnishings, Highways and Bridges, Paupers, Public Library, Incidental Expenses, State Aid, Soldiers Relief, and conveying pupils to and from the public schools.

6th. To see if the town will vote to approve of the repeal of any legislative acts pertaining to the protection of the fisheries in the waters of Buzzards Bay.

7th. To see if the town will vote to macadamize the highway, beginning at ~~the~~ R. E. Wordell's corner, thence northerly to the Fall River line, and make an appropriation therefor.

8th. To see if the town will vote to allow the Stone Crusher plant to remain this spring in its present location until the macadam from the Dartmouth line to the Narrows is finished, and to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars to finish the same.

9th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to continue the building of the State Highway, and if so, to make an appropriation for carrying on said contract.

10th. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine, and if so, to elect a committee to purchase said machine, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

11th. To see if the town will vote to build a suitable three-room school building at Head of Westport, and make the necessary appropriation for the same.

12th. To see if the town will vote to confer with the town of Dartmouth upon the erection of a Union School Building at Horseneck.

13th. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a committee to receive and expend the same.

14th. To see if the Town will vote to pay a bounty for the killing of Foxes, and make the necessary appropriation therefor.

15th. To see if the Town will vote to offer a reward of Fifty Dollars for the arrest and conviction of any person selling or keeping for sale intoxicating liquors in the Town of Westport.

16th. To see what action the Town will take in relation to maturing notes and interest, either by assessment, or renewing said notes.

17th. To determine the location of the High School for the ensuing year.

18th. To see if the Town will authorize the Auditors to transfer sums of money from unappropriated money to other departments wherein there may be a deficit.

19th. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Single Highway Surveyor, and Board of Health, to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.

20th. To see if the inhabitants will authorize the Town Treasurer to hire such sums of money in anticipation of taxes as will be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

21st. To determine the salaries or commission of the Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and the Draw-tender for the ensuing year.

22d. To determine the wages per day for ordinary repairs on the Highways.

23d. To determine the wages per day for labor in connection with the Stone Crusher plant and macadamizing the highways.

24th. To see if the Town will accept the list of names of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

25th. To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.

26th. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date and to determine the rate per cent. of said interest.

The Town Clerk, Selectman, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, Members of School Committee, Single Highway Surveyor, Member of Board of Health, Fish Commissioner, Constables, Fence Viewers, Landing Commissioners, Auditors, Draw-Tender, and Superintendent of Beech Grove Cem. to be voted for on 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 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 at Westport this twenty-eighth day of February in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Algren O. Tripp }
Andrew W. Bowle } Westport.

Westport March, 3d. 1898.

I have served this warrant by notifying the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs by posting up 5 attested copies 11 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Westport Point Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford
Constable of Westport.

Town House Westport March, 14. 1898.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled, The meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk.

The following officers were elected and votes passed.

Lyander F. Howland and Henry B. Tripp having been duly appointed tellers of votes by the Selectmen appeared and were sworn by the Town Clerk.

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

Voted To proceed to ballot for the following officers viz: 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, One School Committee for 1 year, A single Highway Surveyor, One Board of Health for 3 years, One Fish Commissioner for 3 years, Two Library Trustees for 3 years, Three Constables, Four Landing Commissioners, Two Auditors, One Draw Tender, One Superintendent of Beech Grove Cemetery.

Voted To close the Polls at 12 o'clock 45 minutes P.M.

Shall License be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?
Yes: 39. No: 85.

The following officers were elected viz:

Town Clerk: John A. Macomber. Affirmed.

Treasurer: John C. Macomber, Sworn.

Collector of Taxes: John C. Macomber, Sworn.

Selectman for 3 years: George E. Handy, Sworn.

Overseer of the Poor 3 years: Jonathan B. Hicks, Sworn.

Assessor 3 years: Albert D. Manchester, Affirmed.

School Committee 3 years: Annie E. Sherman, Accepted.

School Committee 1 year: Alfred C. Tripp, Accepted.

Single Highway Surveyor: Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Sworn.

Board of Health 3 years: George E. Handy, Sworn.

Fish Commissioner 3 years: Lafayette L. Gifford Sworn

Library Trustees 3 years: Samuel W. Macomber Accepted
Annie M. Gifford Accepted.

Constables: William G. Butts Sworn.
Daniel M. Sanford Sworn.
Lafayette L. Gifford Sworn.

Fence Viewers: Isaac D. Earle Sworn
Samuel A. Beckham Sworn.
George F. Lawton

Landing Commissioners: George A. Tripp Sworn
Eli Handy Sworn
Edward A. Howland
Charles Wing Sworn.

Auditors: Cortez Allen Sworn
Henry A. Allen Sworn

Draw Tender: Barton B. Manchester

Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

Town House Westport, March 19. 1898.

Annual meeting met agreeable to adjournment, John W. Gifford Moderator
in the chair.

- Voted To indefinitely postpone action on article 7th. of the warrant.
 " " " " " the first part of Article 8th. of the warrant.
 " " " " " the second " " " " " "
 Voted That the Selectmen be not authorized to make a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to continue the building of the State Highway.
 Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to sign a waiver of contract for building the State Highway and forward to the State Highway Commission.
 Voted Not to buy a road machine.
 Voted To lay the remainder of Article 10th. on the table.
 Voted That Article 3d. be taken from the table.
 Voted To lay Article 3d. on the table.
 Voted That action on the 11th. Article of the warrant be indefinitely postponed.
 " " " " 12th. " " " " " "
 Voted To appropriate \$30. for Memorial Day
 Voted That Albert M. Allen be a committee to receive and expend the money appropriated for Memorial Day.
 Voted That the town do not pay a bounty for the killing of foxes.
 Voted To lay the remainder of Article 14th. on the table.
 Voted To offer a reward of \$50. for the arrest and conviction of any person selling or keeping for sale intoxicating liquors in the Town of Westport.
 Voted To adjourn for 30 minutes.
 Meeting again assembled.
 Voted That the treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen to renew at maturity the note for \$4000. to the New Bedford Institution for Savings due Nov. 23. 1898, the same to be made payable in 1901 also to renew at maturity the note for \$6000. to the New Bedford Institution for Savings due Nov. 16. 1898 the same to be made payable in 1902 and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five

Hundred Dollars to pay all maturing notes (except the aforesaid notes) and interest on all notes against the town be assessed on the taxable property of the town.

- Voted That the High School be located at Westport Point for the ensuing year.
- Voted That the Auditors be authorized to transfer sums of money from unappropriated money to other departments wherein there may be a deficit.
- Voted To authorize the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Single Highway Surveyor, and Board of Health, to order bills against the town for and on account of their respective departments.
- Voted That the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to hire a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars in anticipation of the taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes for the current year. Yes: 33. No: None.
- Voted That the Treasurer be allowed $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent on all payments from the treasury.
" " Collector of Taxes " " 1 per cent on all taxes collected and paid into the treasury.
" " Salary of the Sealer of Weights and measures be \$20.
" " " " " Draw Tender of Westport Point Bridge be \$150.
- Voted That the compensation for labor on the Highway for the ensuing year be as follows, viz: Foreman \$1.75 per day. Laborer \$1.50 per day. One pair of Oxen \$2. per day. One Horse \$1. per day. A pair of Horses \$2. per day. Plough .25¢ per day. Cart .25¢ per day. Scraper .25¢ per day.
- Voted To accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, viz:
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| Allen Albert M. | Macomber Charles F. |
| Allen Cortez | Manley Sylvester C. |
| Brightman Perry P. | Manchester Albert D. |
| Blossom Eli W. | Petty William H. |
| Borden Edwin | Peckham Samuel A. |
| Chace Charles A. | Reed John M. |
| Chace Charles W. | Sanford Daniel M. |
| Davis Henry E. | Sanford Ezra S. |
| Earl Isaac D. | Sherman Lorenzo |
| Feenan Henry | Sherman Albert S. |
| Gifford William W. | Sherman Charles S. |
| Gifford Eugene B. | Shorricks Joseph M. |
| Gifford Pardon A. | Sowle Andrew H. |
| Stebson Horace M. | Tripp Samuel E. |
| Spinnett George B. | Tripp Henry B. |
| Howland Edward A. | Tripp Algern C. |
| Howland Isaac B. | Tripp James H. |
| Handy Eli | Wardell Joseph R. |
| Macomber Philander W. | Wardell Joseph B. |
| Macomber John A. 2d. | Young William A. |

Voted That a sum equal to the amount of the appropriations be assessed upon the taxable property of the town.

Voted To charge interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after Nov. 24, 1898

Voted To appropriate the sum of \$5. for the payment of the Moderator.

Voted To adjourn.

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk

To Eli Handy

You are hereby appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions of the Town of Westport from Mar. 31. 1898 to Mar. 15. 1899.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Andrew H. Soule } of
George E. Handy } Westport.

Westport Mar. 23. 1898.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol S.S. Westport March 25. 1898.

Then personally appeared the above named Eli Handy having been duly appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of said office to the best of his knowledge and ability.

Before me,

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

Received and recorded the foregoing appointment and oath March 25. 1898.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

To George A. Tripp

You are hereby appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions of the Town of Westport from Mar. 31. 1898. to Mar. 15. 1899.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Andrew H. Soule } of
George E. Handy } Westport

Westport Mar. 23. 1898.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol S.S. Westport, March 26. 1898.

Then personally appeared the within named George A. Tripp, having been duly appointed Inspector of Animals and Provisions for the Town of Westport and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office for the term of his appointment.

Before me,

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

Received and recorded the foregoing appointment and oath March 26. 1898.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Mr. Daniel M. Sanford

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the School Committee recently held you were elected Tuant Officer for the ensuing year please qualify at once that you may be ready for work in case there are truancy cases to be looked after at beginning of the term.

Annie E. Sherman

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bristol S.S. Westport Apr. 8. 1898.

Then personally appeared the above named Daniel M. Sanford and made oath to the faithful performance of the duties of said office.

Before me

Peleg S. Sanford Jr. Justice of the Peace

Received and recorded the foregoing appointment and oath April 16. 1898.

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Bristol ss. 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 and warn 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 Saturday, the thirtieth day of April inst, at ten 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
- 2nd. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at the annual meeting held March 14th, 1898, and by adjournment March 19th, whereby it was voted: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to renew at maturity the note for \$4000, to the New Bedford Institution for Savings due Nov. 23d. 1898, the same to be made payable in 1901, also to renew at maturity the note for \$6000. to the New Bedford Institution for Savings due Nov. 16th. 1898, the same to be made payable in 1902, and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to pay all maturing notes (except the aforesaid notes) and interest on all notes against the town be assessed on the taxable property of the town.
- 3rd. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at the last annual Meeting thereof whereby it was voted: That a sum equal to the amount of the appropriations be assessed upon the taxable property of the town.
- 4th. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to pay all notes maturing in the fiscal year of 1898, also to see if the town will make an appropriation to pay the interest of said year on all notes against the town.
- 5th. To determine the manner of raising the appropriations to defray the town charges for the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up four or more attested copies thereof 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 at Westport this sixteenth day of April in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Albert S. Sherman } Selectmen
Andrew B. Soule }
George E. Handy } Westport

Westport April 10. 1898.

I have served this warrant by posting up five attested copies within said town 10 days before said meeting, one at North Westport Post Office, one at Westport Post Office, one at Central Village Post Office, one at South Westport Post Office, one at Westport Point Post Office.

Daniel M. Sanford Constable of Westport

Town House Westport April 30. 1898.

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the legal voters assembled. The meeting was called to order and warrant read by the Town Clerk, who appointed Albert S. Sherman teller of votes for Moderator and he was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Albert D. Manchester was elected moderator and was qualified by affirmation before the Town Clerk.

Voted That the vote passed at the annual meeting held March 14. 1898, and by adjournment March 19th. whereby it was voted: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to renew at maturity the note for \$4000, to the New Bedford Institution for Savings due Nov. 23. 1898, the same to be made payable in 1901, also to renew at maturity the note for \$6000. to the New Bedford Institution for Savings due Nov. 16. 1898, the same to be made payable in 1902, and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to pay all maturing notes (except the aforesaid notes) and interest on all notes against the town be assessed on the taxable property of the town, be and is hereby rescinded.

Voted That the vote passed at the last annual meeting thereof whereby it was voted: That a sum equal to the amount of the appropriations be assessed upon the taxable property of the Town, be and is hereby rescinded.

Voted That we appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Four + $\frac{2}{100}$ Dollars to pay all notes maturing in the fiscal year of 1898.

Voted That we appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars to pay the interest on all notes against the town for the fiscal year of 1898.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized with the approval of the Selectmen to hire the sum of ten thousand dollars and issue notes of the town therefor as follows: one note of two thousand dollars to be paid in 1901, one note of two thousand dollars to be paid in 1902, one note of two thousand dollars to be paid in 1903, one note of two thousand dollars to be paid in 1904, one note of two thousand dollars to be paid in 1905. to pay two notes held by the New Bedford Institution for Savings, viz: one note of six thousand dollars due Nov. 16, 1898, one note of four thousand dollars due Nov. 23. 1898. and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from the taxes of said years. And to assess the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars on the taxable property of the town

Yes: 10.

No: None.

Voted That we now adjourn

A true record

Attest:

John A. Macomber 2d.
Town Clerk.