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Massachusetts

TOWN MEETING RECORDS

1656 - 1709

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This has a couple of lists, one on each side of the page, or actually, I expect the one on the right follows the one on the left, and the one on the left has a column of numbers just after the names with a little dash coming out to each one, and about the longest name in that list is William Chandler.

Mr. Bradstreet	----	20		Ar.
John Osgood	----	20		
Richard Barker	----	7	Robt Russell	4
Goodman Abbot	----	4	Tho. Johnson	4
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Joseph Parker	----	10	Rxxxx	
Goodman Tyler	----	6	Ralfe Farnum	4
John Aslet	----	7	Mark Graves	4
Henry Jaquis	----	5	Rich: Barker	3
Daniel Poore	----	7	John Lovejoy	2
Nathan Parker	----	7	Mr. Ballard	
John Stevens	----	12	Goodman Rowheelo	5
Solomon Martin	----	5	John Johnson	4
Thomas Farnum	----	4		
William Ballard	----	5		
Andrew Allin	----	5		
Goodman Foster	----	5		
John Lovejoy	----	5		
Thomas Chandler	----	8		
William Chandler	----	4		
Goodman Hoult	----	15		
Goodman Fry	----	12		
Goodman Barnard	----	5		
Mr. Faulkner	----	6 5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Goodman Russe	----	4		
George Abbot Jr.	----	4		
Thomas Poore	----	5		

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33 more added

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Mr. Bradstreet 2 ar. of a
houselot only

George Abbot junr.

2 ar. of a houselot also.

Henry Ingalls 7 ar. and
and half of meddow only

more or meddows and upland
to a 5 ar. lot wch he bought

of Tho: Chandler wch makes

his accomodation (beside what
he bought of Goodman Holt)

a full 5 acre lott

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(THE TOP PART OF THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN WAS WRITTEN BY DUDLEY BRADSTREET.
THE WRITING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN APPEARS TO BE IN
SIMON BRADSTREET'S WRITING, AS DOES THE RIGHT*HAND COLUMN.)

THE NAMES OF ALL THE FIRST HOUSEHOLDERS IN ORDER AS THEY CAME TO TOWNE.

Mb. Bradstreet
 John Osgood
 Joseph Parker
 Richard Barker
 John Stevens
 Nicholas Holt
 Benjamin Woodbridg
 John Fry
 Edmund Faulkner
 Robert Barnerd
 Daniel Poore
 Nathian Parker
 Henry Jaques
 John Aslett
 Richard Blake
 William Ballard
 John Lovejoy
 Thomas Poore
 George Abbot
 John Russe
 Andrew Allen
 Andrew Foster
 Thomas Chandler

(THIS LIST IS IN EDMUND FAULKNER'S HANDWRITING. SINCE HE WAS, HIMSELF, A
 FIRST SETTLER AND FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH AND SINCE MOST OF THE FIRSTCOMERS
 WERE ALIVE WHEN HE WROTE IT***HE DIED JANUARY 13, 1687***IT MAY BE PRE-
 SUMED TO BE CORRECT.)

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Att a general town meeting holden at John Osgood's house 9th 1st 1656, chiefly warned & intended for the entering & recor(?)-/ding of town orders now in force & particular men's grants of land in a new town book, the old being rent and in many places defective & some grants lost.

Imp. It was agreed upon & Voted that the order and agreement made at first planting of this place. VIZ: that all persons should pay to the rates & charges of the town, & church according to their land (which way we have practiced ever since and upon such termes we have granted out lands to all new comers) should be entered in the first place in this new booke.

This above written was disannulled by the major part of votes at a lawful town meeting the 2 of December 1661.

At a general Town Meeting 1th of March 1660.

The Town taking into consideration the great damage that may come to the town by persons living remote from the town upon such lands as were given them for ploughing or planting and so by their hogs & cattle destroy the meadows, adjoining thereunto, have therefore ordered and do hereby order that whosoever inhabitant or other shall build any dwelling house in any part of the Town but upon such house lot or other places granted for that end without express (?)/ (This denotes the end of a line in the original. HJS) leave from the town shall forfeit twenty shillings a month for the time he (?)/ shall so live in any such prohibited place provided it is not intended to restrain any person from building any shed for himself or cattle that shall be necessary for the plowing of his ground or fencing of his corne but to restrain any from their constant abode there, the town having given houselots to build on to all such as they have received as inhabitants of the town.

At a lawful town meeting the 17 October 1661, it is ordered that every male person of sixteen years and (over?) shall upon three or four days warning by the surveyor attend the mending of the highways upon forfeit of double damages for every day neglect by any person and so likewise every team. That is every man four shillings a day and every team ten shillings a day so neglected.

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Agreed that his other six acre lot shall pay a third part of rates, ~~which is eight shillings~~ the year and further agreed that there shall be street division laid to it and no more. Our meaning is to (?) last till they continue in this way of rating.

At a lawful town meeting the third day of February 1661, it is ordered that all grants of land and meadow, already granted and to be granted shall be entered into that book. Also Edmond Faulkner is chosen to enter these aforesaid grants and to be allowed two shillings of every particular man for his house lot and accommodations provided every man bring in his grants to him within seven years.

At a lawful town meeting the 17th day of the sixth 1661 whereas there have been different apprehensions between the town of Andover and Mr. Francis Dane about his rights and privileges in the town, it is firmly agreed and ordered and granted on the 17th day of ffebr 1661, that Mr. Dane's lots shall be accounted for an eight-acre houselot and to have all privileges belonging thereto the rights thereof at all times to be taken before the rights of George Abbott Sr. according to the constant order and proceedings of the town. Granted (?) (?) all those aforementioned rights and privileges without exception to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever. This is the true meaning of the town and Mr. Francis Dane whereto the said Francis sets his hand and three of the townsmen in the behalf of the rest of the town of those aforesaid eight acres six acres with all the privileges thereto belonging the inhabitants doe acknowledge rate free during his abode in the commi(?). The other two acres with the privileges according to a two-acre houselot are to pay rates from this time forward, Francis Dane, John Osgood, Edmond Faulkner, Thomas (torn).

At a lawful town meeting the 24 Nov. 1662, granted to Ralph Farnum 30 rod of land at the south end of his lot.

Granted to Andrew Foster eleven acres of land on the east side of the highway and on the southwest side of the land of Timothy Stevens.

Granted to John Ruse three acres of land adjoining to his nine acres by that new field gate, which is for his new field division.

At a lawful town meeting the 28 December 1663, granted to Robert Russell two acres of meadow in a little meadow about half a mile on this side of Richard Earker's Beechen meadow on the left-hand of the cartway.

At a lawful town meeting the 11 of February 1663, granted to William Chandler a gore of land on the east (?) side of Shawsheen River, by the old clay pit, whereof two acres is granted him for public charges and if there be above two acres, he is to allow the town for it what they shall so meet and in case, the town shall afterward see occasion to build a mill there, he shall resign to them so much of the convenience of it as shall be judged convenient to set a mill thereon, and allow him so much land elsewhere for it.

Granted to John Frye, Jr., two acres and a half of swamp land at the southwest corner of his lot for public charges past, and four shillings and fourpence now paid already.

Granted to Andrew Foster senior five acres of swamp land for public charges joining to the northeast side of the lot of Andrew Foster, Jr. in case John Lovejoy, Thomas Chandler and Thomas Johnson, who are to lay it out, shall think it convenient for the town and him: whereas he is take it elsewhere. This grant is allowed by this town.

Att a general town meeting 20th Decr 1664, it was ordered and agreed that at any town meeting orderly warned, any seven or more authorized by law to vote shall have power to act and make order (?) and the same to be authentic and valid as if the whole town were assembled and further it is agreed that whosoever shall have legal notice of any town meeting and shall not attend the said meeting (?) at the time and place appointed shall forfeit the sum of (?) to the use of the town for every such default (?) collected by such as the town shall appoint, (?) shall satisfy the town or such as they shall depute that they had inst and necessary cause to be absent and now are to dept without leave of the town till the meeting be dissolved and so declared by the selectmen or the major part of the inhabitants then assembled.

Mr. Bradstreet, John Frye, Sr., Richard Barker, Daniel Poore and Thomas Chandler are chosen selectmen for the year following 65.

Granted to Nathan Parker his swamp land adjoining to the east end of his own land behind the pond being nine acres and a half provided it be swamp (?) land according to order or equivalent thereunto.

Granted to Samuel Martin five acres of swamp land and his street division land adjoining to the land of John Farnum and on which side the lot layers shall see most convenient.

Granted and laid out to Andrew Allen five acres of swamp land adjoining to his houselot and the swamp land of William Chandler bounded on the northwest corner with a white oak, on the southwest corner with a white oak, on the northeast corner with a stake.

Granted to John Frye, Sr., a slip of land between the upper end of his claypit meadow and the river, as part of his swamp land.

Granted to Marc Graves 16 of upland adjoining to the south end of the land of John Lovejoys and Shawsheen River on the west, which is for his third division. All other former grants thereof be void (?) of that third division of

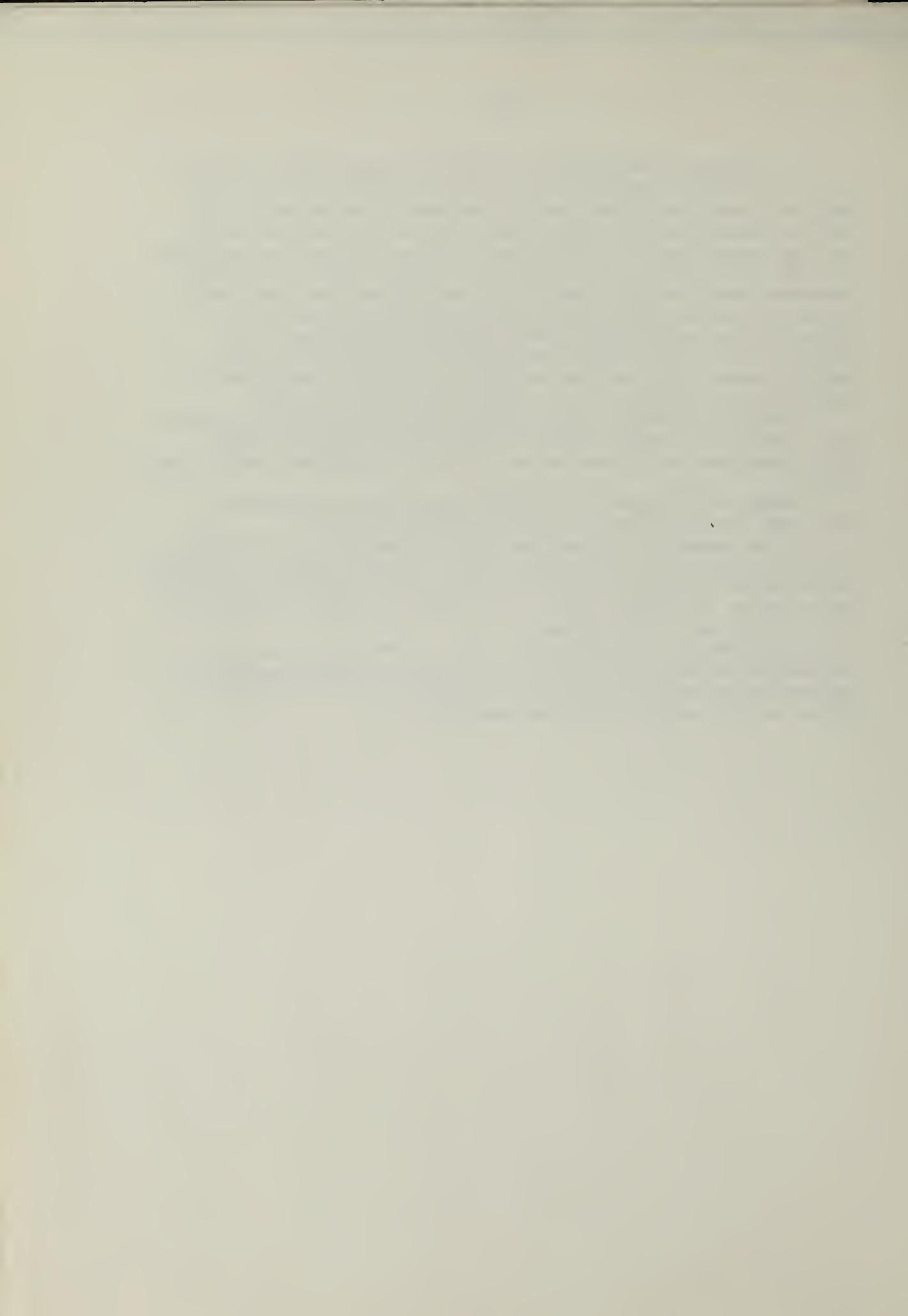
At a general town meeting the 15th of January 1664, it is ordered that whereas there was the last town meeting an order made that whosoever should not come to town meeting according to day and time appointed after legal notice and at this present day all failing herein except Mr. Bradstreet, Richard Barker, George Abbott, Sr. and John Johnson, were to pay to the town for the use thereof sixpence a man for this present days neglect and from that days forward whosoever shall neglect to come at the day and time appointed after legal notice given him by the constable or his deputy shall forfeit to the Town twelve pence for every such neglect except (?) and the constable is appointed to gather up all such fines and is to have a fourth part for his pains.

Also it is ordered from this day forward that whosoever shall not, from year to year, bring into the town or selectmen their public charges due by them before the town rate be made shall (?)ose it.

Given to John Ruse, Jr., half an acre of land adjoining to the south end of his other land by the field gate.

It is agreed by the town for incouradgment that such persons as shall undertake to build a corn and a saw mill shall have liberty to cut timber upon any part of the common provided it is not within two miles of the meeting house, only on the west side of Shawsheen River on any part of the common.

At a general town meeting the 27th of February 1664, granted to William Ballard all the parcel of flaggy or rubbish meadow adjoining to his other land and the pond, which he had of Richard Barker on the west side of Shawsheen River.



At a general town meeting the 27th February 1664 it is ordered that whereas there was formerly a mistake in an order written in the town's book concerning Mr. Dane's yearly maintenance that the Selectmen shall have power to speak with him to the determining of it.

At a general town meeting the 15th January 1665.

Granted to John Frye, Sr. a little parcel of meadow adjoining to his last division, which is the remaining part of the whole meadow.

Sold unto Samuel Blanchard a neck of upland or as much as he shall desire there adjoining to the east end of his crane meadow not exceeding ten acres, he paying after five shilling an acre to the town for it. Granted to him at a town meeting 9th February 68, two acres more to make his ten acres to twelve for all which he is to pay but fifty shillings to the town.

It is ordered that all that have any right or interest in any meadow for the conveniency of fencing of it shall have liberty to fence such corners or necks of land adjoining to it for the running of this fence straight, they paying after five shillings an acre to the town for it. The meaning is so much and no more than is only for running the fence straight and as shall be judged by the lot layers.

Whereas there have been formerly agreements between Mr. Dane and the town concerning his hay that was to be provided for him, it is now mutually agreed between him and the town that instead thereof, he shall have four pounds yearly added to his rate and the other agreements concerning it to be void.

At a general town meeting the 11th of March 1666.

Granted liberty to John Aslett liberty to exchange his twelve acres of land that joins to Stephen Osgood's lot for twelve acres adjoining to his own land on the east side of the pond.

Granted to Christopher Osgood the liberty to take up seven acres and a half of swamp land adjoining to the west side of the land of John Frye, Jr., which was formerly by the town sold to his father, Thomas Rowheel.

Granted to Henry Engalls liberty to take up what land is wanting of the fifteen acres that was granted Nicholas in the new field to take up the remaining part adjoining to his four acres granted to him on the east side of Cochichewick River.

At a general town meeting the 4th of February 1667.

Whereas there was by the town the 15th of January 65 sold unto Samuel Blanchard a parcel of land not exceeding ten acres, he hath at this present meeting accepted of just ten acres for which he is indebted to the town the full and just sum of fifty shillings. Granted to him 9th Feb. 68, two acres more to make it twelve acres for all which he is to pay but fifty shillings to the town.

Granted to Stephen Johnson two rod of land adjoining to his fence and by his saw pit.

At a general town meeting the 10th of January 1669.

Whereas there have been formerly granted to Edward Whittington twenty acres of land behind the pond, it is now granted him liberty he laying it down to the town to take up so much on the west side of Shawsheen River and also to take up ten acres more adjoining to it as part of Mr. Bradstreet's last division.

The twenty acres above is granted upon the same terms as that behind the pond.

At a general towne meetinge the 7 off february 1669, Sgt. Henry Ingalls wase chosen constable for this year. Daniell Poor wase chosen grand jury man. John Lovjoy and William Chandler were chosen fence viewers ffore the southerly parte of the towen. Samuell Martin and Nathan Stevense ffor the northerly parte off the towen and Nathan Parker & John Aslett are fence viewers ffor the new feeld and Daniel Poor and Gohn Farnam ffor the feeld over Shawsheen.

It is ordered that there shall no rames bee suffered to goe att liberty after the first off Aguste too the first off November upon the street or common, in any parte off the towne upon the penalty off ffive shillings ffor every such rame suffered goeing att liberty exepeing any Ram that shall acsaidintaly stray ffrom willeam balard & where they are to be kept the finder taking care presently to take him up & secure him shall not be liable to the penalty aforesaid.

Item It is agreed and voted that the selectmen with three more joined to them, that is, Nathan Parker and George Abbott Sr. and John Lovejoy shall and are hereby empowered to make sale of a certain parcel of land as they in their discretion shall see meet, not exceeding a hundred pounds for the defraying the charges about the new meeting house, and they have liberty to take in two or three inhabitants if they see cause in the making sale of the aforesaid land.

At a general town meeting the 22 March 69, Thomas Chandler is chosen to carry the vote to Salem.

Granted to Mr. Simon Bradstreet on the south side of Boston Brook 40 acres of land whereof twenty

Sold and granted formerly to William Barker twenty acres of land by Rowley bounds, to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town towards all charges and in lieu of all rates to the town or Church the sum of ten shillings yearly and the said William Barker is received as a townsman and to have liberty and privilege of the common for feeding cattle and use of wood and timber as his occasions will require.

Sold and granted formerly to Alexander Sessions twenty acres of land by Rowley bounds, to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town towards all charges and in lieu of all rates to the town or Church, the sum of ten shillings yearly and the said Alexander sessions is received as a townsman and to hath liberty and privilege of the common for feeding cattle and use of wood and timber as his occasions may require.

Granted and sold to Lawrence Lacy twenty acres of land by Rowley bounds to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town towards all charges and in lieu of all rates to the town or Church the sum of ten shillings yearly and the said Lawrence Lacy is received as a townsman and to have liberty and privilege of the common for feeding cattle and the use of wood and timber as his occasion may require.

Sold and granted to Joseph Parker Junior twenty acres of land by Rowley bounds to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town towards all charges and in lieu of all rates to the town or Church, the sum of ten shillings yearly and the said Joseph is received as a townsman and to have liberty of the common for feeding cattle and use of wood and timber as his occasions may require.

Sold and granted to John Abbott twenty acres of land between goodman Fosters ground and Joseph Ballards or thereabouts so it prejudice not other men, and to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town or Church towards all charges the sum of ten shillings yearly and the said John Abbott is received as a townsman and to have the liberty and privilege of the common for feeding cattle and use of wood and timber as his occasions may require.

Sold or granted to William Blunt or exchanged for a sale of grant he had before over Shawsheen, twenty acres of land in some convenient place near Joseph Ballards and to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town towards all charges and in lieu of all rates to the town or Church the sum of ten shillings yearly and the said William Blunt is received as a townsman and to have liberty and privilege of the common for feeding cattle and use of wood and timber as his occasion may require.

Granted to Samuel Holt one acre privilege upon the common, he paying four shillings by the year to the town forever.

Sold or granted to Hugh Stone four acres of land near to his other land, not to the prejudice of highways or other men, to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, he paying two shillings by the year to the town forever.

16: 9th: 1675:

Received of Nathan Parker & Jno Lovejoy Constables for Andover in full of their double rate ye sum of thirty-six pounds and five pence I say received ye day above dated by me

Daniell Russell

Granted, allowed and voted that the bridge on this side of the sawmill shall from hence forward be counted a town bridge and be made and maintained by the town ingeneres. Only those that last made the bridge are to be excused so many days of themselves and their cattle as they wrought at making that bridge in the common in work that is to come only to each of 2s a day

Sold and granted to Edmond Faulkner twenty acres of land upon the hill next Joseph Robinsons by Rowley line, to enjoy to him and his heirs forever, paying to the town towards all charges and in lieu of all rates to the town or Church, the sum of ten shillings yearly and in case the said Edmond shall at any time put such to lime upon it as the town shall approve, or have no just matter against them, he is to be admitted to be a townsman and to have all the same privilege in the common equal to the other twenty acre grants.

At a general town meeting 9th of January 1670, granted liberty to Mr. Walker and John Haselton to get 15 or 16 thousand of cedar shingle or so many as will cover their meeting house, provided they cut down no trees but take such as are cut down already and so to have them freely.

It is ordered that no man shall have liberty to cut or make any shingles to sell out of town until they have liberty from the selectmen of the town.

Lt. Osgood and John Stevens are chosen to see that the highway towards Salem to be mended and made passable, that lie within our bounds and to be done before the next court to hold at Salem.

Whereas there was formerly granted to Robert Barnard five acres of meadow beyond far woodchuck meadow and by him sold to Mr. Bradstreet, it is now granted liberty to Mr. Bradstreet to lay it down to the town and to take up so much more in any common meadow he can find.

It is ordered concerning Mr. Danes wood: due unto him from the town that all allotments that pay rates to him shall pay and bring in unto him from this day forward, a load for every six acre allotment, and those that have not carried in all for time past, are to carry it into him within a month after this time, or else to pay him after two shillings the load in wheat and Indian corn and so forward for time to come.

Granted to Lt. Osgood thirty acres of land for his swamp division adjoining to his house lot on the north side of the mill river.

Granted liberty to Mr. John Rogers, minister of Ipswich to get so many cedar shingles as will cover his house provided he cut down no trees but take such as is already cut down.

Granted liberty to George Abbott Sr. to exchange part of his last division on the west side of Shawsheen for so much as he shall lay down to the town, to take up so much more for it on the same side of the river where it is to be laid out by John Frye Sr. and Nathan Parker. Also he is to have four acres of swamp land laid out and adjoining to it.

Given to Steven Johnson a gore of land lying on the west side of his swamp land before his house containing about one acre and not to go farther than will bring his farm straight to the corner of John Fryes farm.

Given to John Frye Sr. the side of the hill that lies to the north side of his meadow by the clay pit with a slip of land lying between the meadow and Shawsheen river.

Granted free liberty to Thomas Poor to sell his house and the land belonging to it.

Mr. Bradstreet, John Frye Sr. Richard Barker, John Stevens and Lt. Osgood are chosen selectmen for this year, and to have the same powers as the last year in all respects.

William Chandler is chosen constable and Steven Osgood, grand jury man.

Joseph Marble is received in to be a townsman and to pay four shillings per the year to the town.

At a general town meeting the 2 of March 70, it is ordered and voted that whereas there is now a difference between our town and the town of Woburn concerning the bounds between them and us, the town hath given full power to the selectmen to order and prosecute all means whether by law or otherwise to the ending all such differences and all charges to be borne by the town.

Whereas there have been formerly granted to William Chandler four score acres of land for his last division and lying upon goodman Fosters brook, it is now granted him liberty to exchange about ten acres or so much as may be with convenience and not prejudicial to others, and to take up so much as he lay down at the swamp that is on the left hand of of the way going on to the pine plains.

Granted liberty to Mr. Bradstreet to take up 40 acres of land upon the south side of Boston Brook, whereof 20 acres is for his Shawsheen division and 10 acres for fifty shillings in money paid towards the mill, and the other ten acres in consideration of writing the new town book.

Joshua Woodman is admitted to be a townsman, he paying yearly to the town in rates what is fitting.

Granted to Richard Barker four acres and a half of land below Saunders land and adjoining to a bit of meadow which is for his swamp land.

Granted to Joseph Wilson twenty acres of land where the town shall think best, he paying 10 shillings by the year to the town and to have the same privilege as the other twenty acre lots.

At a general town meeting the first of January 1671, Mr. Bradstreet, Lt. Osgood, Richard Barker, John Stevens and John Frye junior are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

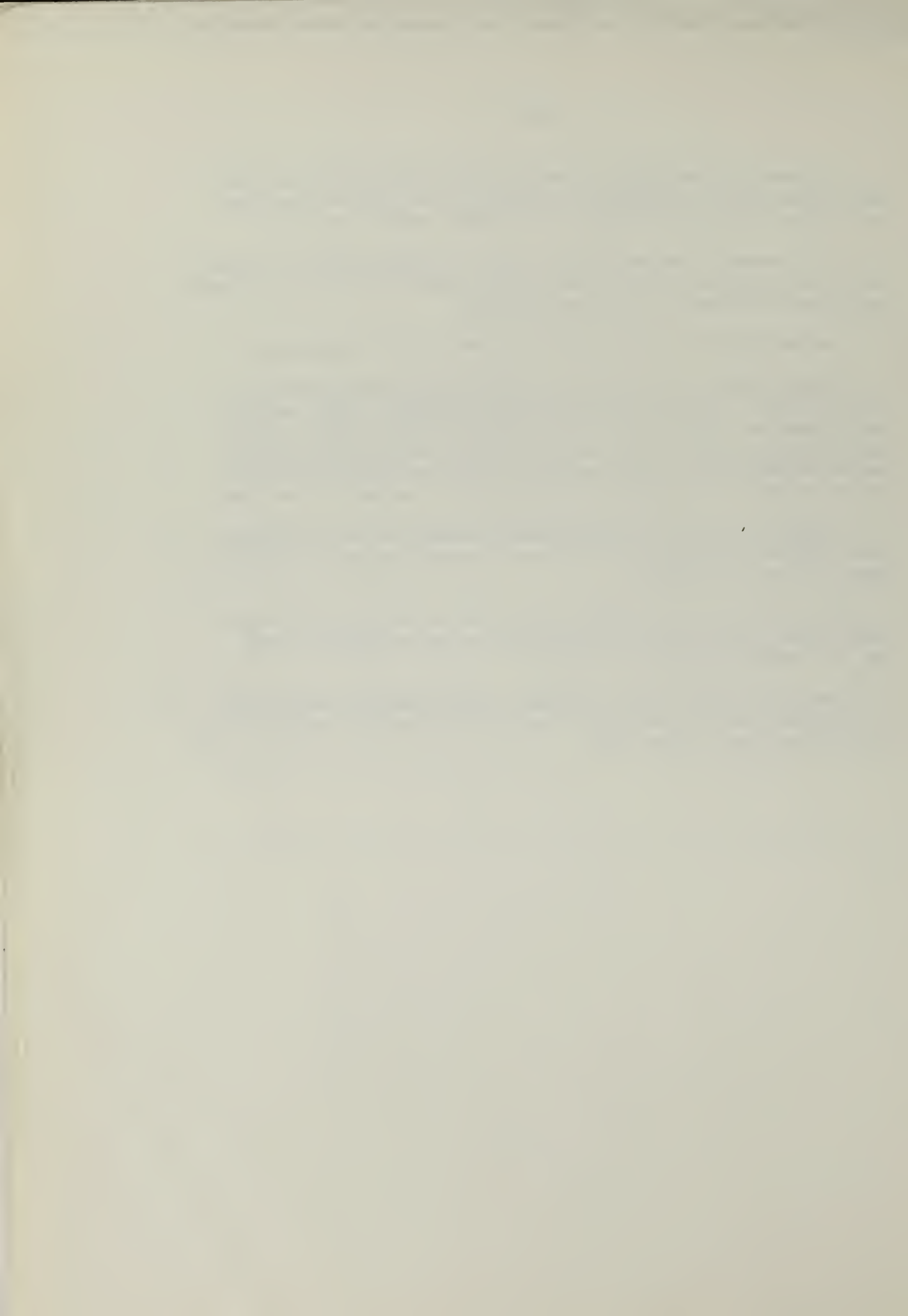
Thomas Farnum is chosen grand juryman for the ensuing year.

Whereas there was formerly granted to Edward Whittington, twenty acres of land on the west side of Shawsheen river, he hath now liberty to lay it down and to take up so much on this side of the river about three miles from the town in some place that may not be prejudicial to other men and to have the same privilege as the other grants, he paying ten shillings by the year to the town.

Granted liberty to Steven Johnson to make use of so much old cedar timber that is down as will make twenty thousand of shingles, he paying the town for it.

Sgt. Ingalls is empowered by the town to cause to be brought to Mr. Dane, all his rates and wood and to sue or distrain upon any that shall neglect or be behind.

Granted liberty to Henry Ingalls to lay down his three acres of swamp land at back end of his lot and to take up so much joining to his other land at the pond.



Granted liberty to Joseph Wilson to take up so much of his twenty acres of land that was granted to him as is wanting in that he take up at home provided he come not on the side the old bridge upon the brook, and to take it on both sides of the brook and by Shawsheen river.

Richard Barker, John Frye Jr. Henry Ingalls and Thomas Farnum are chosen surveyers for the year ensuing.

At a general town meeting 6th January 1672, Mr. Bradstreet, Lt. Osgood, Richard Barker, John Stevens and Ensign Chandler are chosen selectmen for the ensuing year.

Steven Johnson is chosen constable and George Abbott Sr. grand juryman for the next ensuing year.

It is ordered and agreed that no man shall have liberty to cut down any cedar tree or trees within the liberty of the town, to sell out of the town without liberty from the selectmen, but shall according to the former order forfeit ten shillings to the town for every tree so cut and sold out of town and also it is ordered that any man shall have liberty to cut out and impound any cedar already cut down by selling it out of town, he or they paying to the town eighteen pence for every thousand so sent out of town and provided that they shall give notice to the selectmen of the town that they may appoint some to view them, otherwise they shall be all forfeit to the town. John Stevens was chosen to view all such shingles and to take an account of them to whom any person shall give notice that have made any shingles to sell out of town.

Also it is ordered and agreed that from this time forward; upon every first Monday in January, there shall be a general town meeting from year to year.

It is also voted and agreed for the better bounding of lands that every man in the town that hath any upland lying in common or unfenced, shall by the last day of May next, get two or three of his next neighbors joining upon him, to run their bounds and to make some plain marker, either by tree or a hole dug in the ground or heap of stone, and whosoever shall neglect so to do shall forfeit five shillings and also five shillings for every months neglect after, and so shall make a return to the selectmen of the bounds, and if bounds can not be found, then so to return it to the selectmen, that so they may appoint some to lay it out again.

Ensign Chandler, Steven John, Richard Barker and Henry Ingalls are chosen surveyers for mending the highways for the ensuing year.

Whereas there was formerly granted to Edward Whittington ten acres of land on the west side of Shawsheen river which was part of Mr. Bradstreets great division upon the right of Robert Barnards, the which Mr. Bradstreet bought of him, it is now granted liberty to the said Edward to lay it down to the town and to take up so much adjoining to his twenty acres on this side of the river and adjoining to the land of Henry Holt.

It is ordered that all last grants of upland and meadow that is brought in under the lot layout man shall be entered in the town book.

At a general town meeting the 3 February 1672, it is agreed that the selectmen shall place all persons in such seats as they see meet.

William Chandler is chosen grand juryman for the ensuing year, ye(-?)

It is ordered that whatsoever dogs be in the meeting house on the Sabbath Day, the owners thereof shall pay six pence for every time being there and George Abbott Jr. is appointed to take notice thereof and to have the pay for his pains and to gather it up.

Granted liberty to Steven Johnson to make ten thousand shingles of cedar already cut down and to dispose of them as he see good and not to pay anything to the town for them.

At a general town meeting the 5 January 1673, Mr. Dudley Bradstreet Lt. Osgood, Richard Barker, Ensign Chandler, John Stevens are chosen selectmen for this ensuing year.

Samuel Martin is chosen constable for this ensuing year.

Steven Johnson is chosen grand juryman for this ensuing year.

It is ordered that if any man shall speak in the town meeting after silence commanded twice by the moderator, shall forfeit twelve pence.

Dudley Bradstreet is chosen clerk of the writs and of the town, and likewise to record all grants laid out on the town books.

Granted to Robert Bardell the fifth January 1673, twenty acres of upland about Bushy Hill and adjoining to Rowley Line, he the said Robert paying ten shillings per anno to the town forever, and not to make sale of the land without the consent of the selectmen of the town.

Granted to Samuel Marble this 5th January 1673 the privilege of being a townsman, he the said Samuel paying four shillings per anno to the town forever for herbage and firewood.

Granted the fifth January 1673 to Lawrence Heart ten acres of upland upon the hill by Thomas Farnum, he the said Lawrence paying five shillings per anno to the town forever and not to make sale of the said land without leave from the selectmen of the town.

Granted the fifth January 1673 liberty to Joseph Ballard to change two acres of upland he formerly bought of the town for ten shillings and laid it on the west side of his land adjoining to his house, and now he hath liberty to lay it on the north end of his said land.

Granted to George Abbott Sr. the 5th January 1673, so much of a parcel of upland by pole hill as the lot layers (viz) Nathan Parker, Daniel Poor, Thomas Johnson shall think sufficient in lieu of three acres of meadow for his last division which he hath not yet taken up.

Granted the 5th of January 1673, liberty to Henry Ingalls to lay down to the town two acres of meadow which he hath in great Wades meadow and to take up the same quantity in the wet meadow.

Granted to William Barker the 5th of January 1673 a parcel of swamp land lying behind his house and half an acre of upland to set a barn upon, the said land to be valued by Sgt. Stevens and Alexander Sessions, and he the said William to pay to the town the true valuation thereof.

Granted the 5th of January 1673 to Joseph Marble and to Samuel Marble, a parcel of lowland adjoining upon the south side and east end of their meadow they bought of Samuel Martin and to be valued by the lot layers, the said Joseph and Samuel paying the true valuation thereof to the town.

Sold to Hugh Stone the 5th of January 1673, two acres of swamp land lying on the west side of his land and adjoining to his pasture, paying to the town for said land, ten shillings per anno for four years.

Sold to Samuel Frye the 5th of January 1673, five acres of upland adjoining to the land of Benjamin Frye, he the said Samuel paying to the town twenty shillings per acre within the space of three years (viz) the third part of five pounds every year until the whole sum be accomplished.

<http://stores.ebay.com/Ancestry-Found>

At a Town Meeting this second February 1673, it is ordered and voted that if any man shall speak in the town meeting while anything of town affairs is either in voting or agitation after the Moderator hath commanded silence twice, he shall forfeit twelve pence per times and twelve pence shall be levied by the constable, and this order to stand good forever.

John Stevens, Stephen Johnson, George Abbott Sr. and Daniel Poor are chosen surveyors for the year ensuing, and are empowered to call forth ye inhabitants of the town four days within the SD year to be employed in cutting bushes and mending highways for the good and benefit of the town, and at the discretion of ye said surveyors upon the former penalty.

Granted to goodman Ballard Sr. the benefit of a parcel of land lying betwixt Rowell's Folly and the land of John Frie Jr. for a highway to his third division of upland ye SD land leading from the countrey highway to the said Ballards land.

Granted liberty to Edward Whittington to change some part of his twenty acres of land formerly granted him by the town, as Joseph Ballard and Henry Holt shall meet provided it be beneficial to the towne and his neighbors.

Granted liberty to Mr. Dane to lay those three parcels of swamp land (viz) that parcel he bought of Richard Sutton which was 9 and half acres: and that parcel of Mrs. Danes which was 6 acres and 6 acres of his own, which land lieth below goodman Russ his house, he hath now liberty to lay it in a square and Joseph Parker Sr. and Daniel Poor together with Lt. Osgood and goodman Barker Sr. are to lay it out.

Granted to William Ballard Sr. a pine iland lying betwixt Shawsheen River and his meadow and the pond, upon consideration he resigneth up two acres of land, without his fence, by his house and so much within as is necessary for the erecting of a Fulling Mill.

Granted to Edward Whittington and Walter Wright the above said two acres of land laid down by goodman Ballard with 3 acres more adjoining thereto for the encouragement of erecting a Fulling Mill, which they promise to get about ye next Spring.

Granted to Henry Ingalls twenty acres of upland lying betwixt rattlesnake holes and Stephen Osgoods meadow, he the said Henry paying yearly ten shillings to the town and not to prejudice the highway to the meadow lying that way.

Granted to Jno. Russ Jr. liberty to lay his fathers swamp Division which is 4 acres by his own house in some convenient place not prejudicial to the town.

Given to Ralph Farnum 6 acres of upland on one side, or one end of Woodchok Plain and Sgt. Stevens and John Frie Jr. are to lay it out to him.

At a Town meeting on the fourth day January 1674, Richard Barker Sr. with Edmond Faulkner, Daniel Poor, Sgt. Thomas Farnum and John Frie Jr. are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

February, John Lovejoy and Nathan Parker are chosen Constables for the year ensuing, and John Barker Grand Jury man.

William Ballard and William Chandler are chosen surveyers for the south end of the town and Serjant ffarntted (?) Dudley Bradstreet for the north end of the town, who have full power to call forth the inhabitants of the town two days this year at any time the surveyers shall think fit.

Granted to John Frie Sen^e this 4 January 1674, liberty to change twelve acres of land adjoining to his house lot and to take up so much by his son Samuel Fries lot which he bought of the town.

Granted to John Johnson to change his last division of upland and to take 4 acres for it and to lay it adjoining the pine swamp and the pople hole between goodman Phelps, his land and the river so as it prejudice not any particular way.

Whereas there is great controversy in the town about the giving out of land, the town therefore have chosen a committee to consider of the same, to see if it be convenient to give away any more land, or how and to whom. They have therefore chosen Dudley Bradstreet 2 Lt. Osgood: 3 Ensign Chandler: 4 goodman Barker — 5 good Frie Sr.: 6 John frie, Jun^e, 7: George Abbott Sr.: 8 Daniel Poor: 9 Thomas Johnson: 10 John Lovejoy: 11 Sergt. Stevens to consider about the same and bring in the result against the next meeting day.

Granted to Francis Faulkner the privilege of a townsman upon the account of the land he now enjoyeth, paying for the same as others do, that is, ten shillings for twenty acres.

At a general Town meeting 1st February 1674/5 it was ordered and agreed by the Town in general that all those that have upland and meadow now to take up, that they shall lose the same unless they get it layed out by this time twelve months, except the Town see great reason to the contrary.

It was also ordered and agreed upon that all or any of the Last division of upland and meadow which shall be brought into the Recorder with the bounds and butments attested unto by the lot layers and sealed by them or brought to the recorder by them. They shall be entered in the Town book, they the said lot layers keeping a book of the same bounds.

It is further ordered that once within this three year every man that hath any land lying unfenced either upon other men or by itself shall take one of his neighbors with him and renew the bounds marks and give the same into the selectmen, that so it may hinder future trouble, and whosoever shall fail so to do shall forfeit the sum of five shillings to the Town's use.

Liberty granted to a tanner that shall be allowed of by the Town to make use of what bark is needful for his work in Towne provided he fell no trees that are fit for building or rail timber.

It is further ordered and declared that no man shall have liberty after the first of January 1675 to sell or transport any cedar out of the Town either in shingles or otherwise but shall forfeit twenty shillings for every thousand of shingles or quantity of cedar proportionable unless the Town shall upon some extraordinary occasion grant liberty to the contrary. And he likewise declared that if any man, shall betwixt the date hereof and the first of January 1675, transport any new stuff in shingles or otherwise out of Town, he shall forfeit twenty shillings per thousand to the Town's use, and if any can make it appear that any stranger hath illegally taken out of the bounds any cedar or other timber, he or they making it so appear shall have (illegible) shillings for their pains and trouble.

Granted liberty to Andrew Allen to change six acres of land lying upon the pine plain and to lay it to his land below the plain not prejudicing any highway.

Granted liberty to Richard Barker to lay down fourteen acres of his great division and to take it up nearer the outside of the Town bounds.

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His also declared and voted that Redding shall be prosecuted (?) at the next Cambridge Court for not mending the highway allowed by the county.

It is likewise declared to be the mind of the town that the countrey road to Obourne (Woburn?) shall lie through William Blunt his land and the land of Joseph Ballard and Sherborn? Wilson and so to come by the house of Andrew Foster Jr and so to John Fries, the town making the above so persons full satisfaction for the same.

Granted liberty to Edward Phelps to change twenty acres of his great division and to take so much by his house lot, not prejudicing any way.

At a general town meeting the 3rd January 1675, Richard Barker, Daniel Poor, Edmond Faulkner, John Stevens and Henry Ingalls are chosen selectmen for the next ensuing year.

Nathaniel Dane and Steven Osgood are chosen constables for the next ensuing year.

Ed Faulkner is chosen town clerk for the next ensuing year.

The 13th November '75.

Laid out to John Johnson on the west side of the Shawsheen river by Thomas Johnson and Daniel Poor and by the poplar hole, 40 acres of land which is for his great division and bounded on the northeast corner with a pine marked; on the southeast corner with a pine marked, on the northwest with tenne little black oaks marked; on the southwest corner with a great black oak marked, which is for his fouerscore acres formerly granted and afterwards exchanged for these 40 acres. Laid out, Thomas Johnson and Daniel Poor.

Whereas it has been formerly ordered that there should be yearly a town meeting the first Monday in February, it is now appointed to be the first Monday in March.

At a general Town meeting the 6th March 75-76, George Abbott Sr. is chosen Grand Jury man for the next ensuing year.

Granted to Joseph Abbott twenty acres of land either on the adjoining to south side of Rogers Brook and adjoining to Shawsheen river, or else on the west side of the Shawsheen river on the common land and as near as conveniently to the land of Edward Phelps, for which land he is to pay to the town tenn shillings by the year forever, and he to have all the same privileges as the other 20 acre lots have.

Granted to John Marston Jr. 20 acres of land upon the same Tearmes as the rest have and the place to bee allowed by the selectmen which since was agreed to be on the west side of George Abbotts Woodchock meadow.

Granted and laid out to George Abbott Sr. a parcel of land which is in lue of his last division of meadow and adjoining to his great division at the north corner and so bounded with the highway that now is and at the southwest corner with a white oak marked by the swamp and from thence to the mouth of the brook where it run into the river.

Granted to Sgt. John Stevens, Stephen Johnson, Samuel Wardle and Andrew Foster liberty to take up every one as much meadow that will be proportionable to others men if it be to be had. If not then as much swamp as will answer to it, thay proposing their place first be. Proposed to the town to have their assent which meadow and swamp is to make up this full proportion and soe to pay rates answerable as other men.

Laid out to Samuel Frye upon former liberty of exchanging 17 acres of land at the southside of his other land and east end: 5 acres whereof which he bought of the town, the other 12 exchanged with the town and bounded at the southwest corner with a black oak marked, the southeast corner with a little red oak marked, the north-east corner with a black oak marked on the side of the hill.

At a lawful town meeting the first day of January 1676-7, Lt. John Osgood, Ensign Thomas Chandler, John Frie Jr. Stephen Johnson and Dudley Bradstreet were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Christopher Osgood was chosen Constable for the south part of the town for the year ensuing. Timothy Johnson was likewise chosen Constable for the north part of the town for the year ensuing.

Sgt. John Stevens was chosen Grand Jury man for the year ensuing, and Dudley Bradstreet was chosen town clerk till another be chosen in his room.

Sgt. John Stevens and Thomas Johnson were chosen surveyers for the year ensuing, the one for the north part of town and the other for the south part etc.

The instructions for the selectmen were that they should manage all prudentials of the town except the disposing of land and timber unless it be for the defraying of charges about the meeting house.

Sold to George Abbott Jr. 9 acres of upland on the north side of Joseph Marble, his land, providing it be not prejudicial to Richard Barker and he to pay for it nine pounds in sweeping the meeting house and ringing the bell at thirty shillings per annum.

Whereas there hath been some difference betwixt the town and some men which had land granted them, they paying to the town ten shillings per annum, the town in general do hereby declare that they were to pay the ten shillings per annum, as the rest of the town pays to the minister. (viz) the one half in wheat and other half in Indian corn, both ones chargable at the usual price it goeth in town from man to man.

Granted to goodman Kemp liberty to move a parcel of swamp land adjoining to Andrew Foster, his land at pole hill. The said Kemp is to have the use of it for seven years, provided he stay in the town so long. If not to throw it up to the town at his departure or at the seven years end, if he stay in town.

Granted and sold to Edward Whittington five acres of upland and swampland adjoining to the north end of his land upon the Indian Plain, he paying twenty shillings per acre and to make payment for ye whole in three years and twelve pence upon the pound till whole be paid. The payment to be made the one half Indian Corn and other half wheat, both merchantable at price current in town.

Granted to John Preston twenty acres of upland upon the west side of Shawsheen river provided it prejudice no highway, and he is to pay to the town ten shillings per annu for ever, the one half wheat, the other half Indian corn, both merchantable at price current.

Granted to Zacariah Eires twenty acres of upland upon the pine plain beyond Andrew Fosters, he paying yearly ten shillings to the town, half wheat, the other half Indian corn as above, etc.

Granted to Nicholas Nichols twenty acres of upland near the pine swamp on the way to goodman Holts provided he prejudice not the way to goodman Holts, nor to the said swamp and he is to pay yearly to the town for ever ten shillings, the one half wheat, the other half Indian corn both merchantable at prices current in town.

Dudley Bradstreet was chosen to enter all grants in the great town book, for which he is to have two pence a grant in money or else he is not obliged.

It was ordered that the order made the first of January 1672 about the running the bounds betwixt neighbor and neighbor he in full force and virtue and all are to bring in their returns by the last of May next to the selectmen upon the forfeiture of five shillings for every defect forthwith to be distrained by the constable for the use of the town. Else the Constables are to pay it.

Granted and sold to Samuel Preston three acres of upland on the west side of his lot and adjoining there to, he paying twenty shillings per acre within three years, the one half in wheat, the other half in Indian corn, both merchantable at price current and to pay three shillings a year till the time before mentioned for payment.

Granted liberty to goodman Allen to lay down thirty acres of land upon the Pine Plain, and to take up fifteen acres in the ye leiu of the thirty.

which fifteen acres he shall join to his broken up land beyond William Elunts land.

Granted liberty to William Barker to lay down his land which lies by Ipswich highway and to take up so much in lieu of it nearer his house.

Granted liberty to John Abbott to lay his land in a long square and also to change two or three acres and lay it on the other side of the way.

Granted libertie to any that will to improve what cedar is fallen down in the swamp next the pond and dispose of it out of town, allowing the town eighteen pence per thousand for all shingles they shall sell as abovesd: provided they fell no trees upon the penalty of ten shillings a tree.

Granted to Andrew Foster Jr. a parcel of swamp land by the pine tree in the way to goodman Ballards for such a part of his division of meadow as the lot layers shall find it by measure.

At a legal general town meeting fifth day of March 1676-7 whereas there was an order made the 18th of January 1664 about the building of a corn and sawmill and then left to a committee to agree with the builders upon what condition the town should have their boards etc. they coming to no agreement, the whole time, this meeting have hereby declared the said act to be void.

Granted to Nathan Stevens twenty acres of upland adjoining upon Rose Meadow Brook, he paying to the town ten shillings per annum, half wheat and half Indian corn forever.

Granted to James Frie, a piece of ground just enough to set a house upon, facing it to the streete and joining his house to his father's lot against the house of Robert Ames.

Granted liberty to Ensign Chandler to lay down a parcel of land at the lower end of his lot and take as much on the back side of his barn, so as not to prejudice the way to the rail swamp.

Granted liberty to Thomas Johnson to change forty acres of his great division and lay on each side of his meadow near pole hill.

Granted to Ephraim Foster twenty acres of upland joining upon Rowley line near Ipswich way, he paying yearly to the town forever ten shillings, the one half wheat, the other half Indian corn.

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Granted liberty to John Preston to change his twenty acres which was granted him on the west side of Shawsheen River and to lay it adjoining to Nicholas Nichols, his land in the way to Goodman Holts providing he prejudice no highway, to meadows or otherwise.

Sold to Nicholas Holt three acres of upland adjoining to the land of his father Holt, he paying twenty shillings an acre half wheat, the other half Indian corn, to pay it in three years and one shilling a year till the whole be paid.

Granted to Ebenezer Barker twenty acres of upland joining to the land of John Aslett near the sandy flats, he paying yearly forever ten shillings to the town, half in wheat and the other half Indian corn, and the said land to join to Rowley line.

At a general lawfull town meeting April the 9th 1677, it was voted and passed by the town, that the selectmen that now are, should prosecute Thomas Fuller of Willhill at the next Salem _____ as a trespasser for cutting down and carrying away a great many cedar trees in the bounds of Andover contrary to the town's order and without their knowledge.

At a general town meeting the 7th day of January 1677, Lt. John Osgood, Ensign Thomas Chandler, Daniel Poor, Stephen Johnson and Dudley Bradstreet were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing. The instructions for the selectmen for the year ensuing were that they should manage all the prudentials of the town according to their best skill, only they are not to dispose of land or timber unless for defraying charges about the meeting house.

Corporal Samuel Martin was chosen Constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing.

Thomas Osgood was chosen Constable for the south end of the town for the year ensuing.

John Marston Sen. is chosen Grand Jury man for the year ensuing. It was voted and passed that a committee of six men should be chosen to join with the selectmen to consider of such things as the selectmen shall inform them of referring to the towns concerns and to advise therein according to their best skill

and also to agree with Fuller and others if they see good cause so to do.

The committee are as followeth: Richard Barker Sen^e George Abbott, John Frie Jun. Sgt. John Stevens, John Lovejoy Sr. and William Chandler Sr.

Granted liberty to Stephen Johnson to take up some swamp land in the rail swamp by Andrew ffosters land, it being for two acres of his last division of meadow and the lot layers are not to allow above two acres of swamp for one acre of meadow in any swamp.

Granted liberty to Sgt. John Stevens to take up some swamp land instead of meadow, the place being upon mosquito brook betwixt the Ford and John Asletts meadow, the lot layers observing not to allow above two acres of the worst swamp for an acre of meadow.

Granted liberty to John Bridges to take up twenty acres of upland joining to Rowley bounds near to Lt. Osgoods meadow, he paying yearly to the town ten shillings per anu., the one half Indian corn and the other half wheat and when it is inhabited to pay four shillings more for the comanage of his homestead.

At a lawful town meeting the fourth day of March 1677-8 after the Moderator was legally chosen, the town orders were read and are in the selectmen's book.

The town meeting is adjourned till this day seven night of the 11st instant.

At a lawful town meeting the 10th of March 1677-8, Lt. Csgood was chosen Moderator and so declared by the Constable. John Faulkner is allowed a Townsman his father confirming to him upon his twenty acres he had granted him upon the walnut tree hill.

It was voted and passed that those men that have and shall have twenty acres of land granted, paying for the same tenn shillings per anu, shall pay the first year they have.

Granted liberty to Samuel Wardwell to take up as much upland adjoining to the west side of his lot as will balance his divisions of meadow which is, tenn acres. He is not to be allowed above two acres of upland for one of meadow.

Granted liberty to Joshua Woodman to get shingles enough to cover his house not exceeding seven thousand which is to be old stuff and short shingles.

Granted liberty to John Marston Jr. to change his twenty acres of land and lay it on the east side of Bear Hill.

Granted liberty to Samuel Ingalls to lay his land (he had of Robert Eardwell,) a little to one side of the hill it now lies upon.

Sold to John Lovejoy Sr. two acres of land adjoining to his land at Shawsheen for which he is to pay the next year forty shillings, ye one half wheat, the other half Indian corn.

Granted to Christopher Osgood twenty acres of land, four on this side of Shawsheen river and remainder over Shawsheen river, to be layed out by Ensign Chandler and Thomas Johnson so as not to prejudice the clay pits or any way to meadows. He is to pay tenn shillings a year to the town in wheat and Indian corn.

Whereas George Abbott, shoemaker stands possessed of a grant of twenty acres of land granted to his brother Joseph Abbott, the town have remitted the first year's payment.

At a lawful town meeting this 6th day of January 1678, Lt. Osgood was chosen Moderator for this present meeting.

John Frie Jr, Richard Barker Sr, William Chandler, John Barker and Christopher Osgood was chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

John Bridges was chosen Constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing. Samuel Holt was chosen Constable for the south end of the town for the year ensuing.

Samuel Martin was chosen Grand Jury man for the year ensuing.

Given as a gratuity to the widow Stevens six acres of land at the easterly end of George Abbott's land and on the west side of the way going to Salem, provided it prejudices no highway to any man's land lying thereabouts.

Granted liberty to Thomas Osgood to change five acres of upland upon ye Indian Plaine and to lay it on the west side of the highway to Woburn adjoining to the land of William Chandler.

Sold to Ephraim Stevens two acres of land on the easterly side paying for ye same after the rate of twenty shillings per acre, by this time twelve month, ye one half wheat and the other half Indian corn at the current price.

Sold to Stephen Parker an acre of upland upon the basking plain adjoining to the land he bought of the selectmen, he paying within a twelve month thirty shillings to the town, the one half wheat and the other half Indian corn.

Granted liberty to the selectmen that were the last year, to dispose of some rubbishy lowland to make satisfaction to Sgt. Fuller of Will's Hill for four pounds thirteen shillings and six pence in money which the town owes him, they laying it out as little prejudicial to the town as they well can, and to make returns of what they do to the selectmen that now be.

Granted liberty to William Lovejoy to alter the way that lies through his land and over his meadow, to lay it a little higher, he making a good cart bridge and to clear the way at his own charge.

Granted liberty to Sgt. Stevens to change that eight acres of land which was formerly Thomas Poors and to lay it on the east side of his lot, not prejudicing the way thereabouts.

Granted liberty to Andrew Foster Jr. to take up an acre of swamp land in a round hole by ye way on the right hand going to Hugh Stone's house, the same being for half an acre of his last division of meadow.

Granted liberty to Mr. Faulkner to lay down ten acres of swamp land at the lower end of his new ground and to take up so much near the board the which land he formerly layed down.

Sold to William Johnson half an acre of land joining to his land that he now hath, he paying within a twelve month to the town ten shillings, one half wheat and the other half Indian corn.

Granted liberty to Ebenezer Barker to change his twenty acres of land which he had of the town and to lay it upon the Huckleberry Plain.

Granted to Daniel Rolf a twenty acre lot on a hill beyond Samuel Holts house, he paying yearly to the town forever ten shillings, the one half wheat, the other half Indian corn.

Granted liberty to Joseph Robinson to change half that land which was Mr. Danes lying in the dirty swamp and to take up so much on the easterly end of John Asletts land not prejudicing the way to Bradford.

At a lawful town meeting the 3rd of March 1678-9, Lt. Osgood is chosen Moderator for this present meeting. It was agreed and concluded that all land granted to particular persons in Shawsheen Field, in the Newfield and Cochickawick Field, for the making of fences at the first fencing of the said fields shall be theirs forever and their heirs. Also that parcel of meadow in Shawsheen field is confirmed to the widow Stevens and her heirs forever.

It was declared and voted that no man shall have liberty to cut cedar to transport out of town either in shingles or otherwise after Michaelmas next upon the penalty of forfeiting the same and all that get any betwixt this and that, are to give notice thereof to Sgt. John Stevens by the time before mentioned or else forfeit the value of the same.

Granted to Mr. Dudley Bradstreet six acres of land adjoining to the highway to the Common Field and so towards Watts, his lot, in consideration of keeping the town records at the town meeting which he promised to do during his abode in the town.

Granted to Mr. Edr na Faulkner two acres of land adjoining to his land which is his new ground which is for ten shillings in money lent the town.

Granted to Mr. Edmond Faulkner six acres adjoining to his land behind the pond and land is in consideration of his loss sustained by the Indians.

Granted to John Farnum six acres of land adjoining to his land by his house, which is in consideration of his loss sustained by the Indians.

Granted to Ephraim Stevens that two acres of land which he bought of the town the last town meeting. The town feel cause to give it him in consideration of his loss sustained by the Indians.

Granted & given to William Ballard Sr. a small parcel of land of about 50 rods joining to his own land and to Shawsheen River.

Granted liberty to John Abbott to alter the way that lies through his land and to lay it below his land he making a good sufficient cart bridge over the swamp.

Sold to Richard Barker Jr. an acre of land at the head of the Wolf swamp on the south side of the way, he paying to the town within a twelve month twenty shillings, the one half wheat, the other half Indian corn.

Sold to Samuel Frie an acre of land on the east side of his land by his house, he paying to the town twenty shillings within a twelve month, the one half wheat, the other half Indian corn.

Given and granted to John Russ Jr. in considerations of his loss by the Indians six acres of land, he making return of the place he shall pitch upon the next town meeting.

Granted liberty to goodman Phelps and any that shall join with him to setup a house to Mr. Bradstreets fence, not to exceed sixteen foot from the fence.

Granted liberty to Lt. Osgood to change a nook of land of his street division which is without his fence, and to lay it on the west side of that land he bought of Mr. Bradstreet.

At a lawful town meeting the 5th of January 1679, Lt. John Osgood was chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Richard Barker Sr. Deacon Frie, John Barker, William Chandler and Christopher Osgood were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Joseph Robinson was chosen Constable for the north end of the town. Josiah Wilson was chosen Constable for the south end of the town, both for the year ensuing.

Ralph Farnum was chosen Grand Jury man for the year ensuing.

It was voted that the selectmen for the future shall not have liberty to fell any land upon no account whatever unless they have farther orders from the town.

Given and granted to John Russ, Jr. six acres of land adjoining to the north part of the land of Samuel Marble in consideration of the loss he sustained by the Indians.

Att**** lawfull towne meeting the first day of March 1679/80
 Ensigne Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Whereas there was formerly a Committe chosen to settle the bounds of Mark Graves his half moon meadow according to the report made to the towne by Left. Osgood & Serjt. Ingalls, and they failing to doe it, the towne hath made choise of Left: John Osgood, Ensigne Chandler Serjt: Ingalls, Good: Barker Senr: and Good: Poor to se the thing forthwith done and make returne thereof to the select men & to be kept in their booke, tell the sd. Graves shall se cause to have it recorded in the towne Records.

It was voted and passed that whereas serjt: John Peabody of Rowley Village hath trespassed upon the Common by cutting of timber the in towne hath left it to the select men that now are wth mr. Bradstreet & Left: Osgood, to make an agrement wth sd Peabody.

It was voted that the Committe that goes to veiw Good: Graves his meadow shall also take a veiw of what low rubbisy ground was sold to Samuell Martin by the select men that was formerly.

It was voted and passed that the select men should suet Richard Sutton for what rates is due from him to mr: Deane.

Sold to Stephen Osgood two parcellls of Land about a quarter of an acre of upland by his house, and three quarters of an acre at the lower end of his lott to make his fence straight, he paying to the Towne twentie shillings in wheat & Indian Corne.

Sold to John Abbott about a qutre. of an acre of land on the east side of his lott, he paying to the towne after the rate of twenty shillings per acre.

Graunted libertie to John Marstone junr: to Carry out of towne about six or seven thousand of shingles which he hath already gott he paying to the towne eighteen pence per thousand for the same to the select men or their order: this present year.

John Graunger is accepted as a townsman he paying to the towne yearly for his herbage & Commonage four shillings in Corne.

Graunted libertie to Samuell Preston to change two acres of upland he bought of Andrew ffoste which was upon the plain by the pine tree going to Good: Ballards, and to lay it joyning to his new frame.

Graunted libertie to Samuell Ingalls to change ten acres of his twenty from the South end, and layd it adjoining to the westerly side of the remaining ten acres.

Hope Tyler is accepted as a townsman he paying yearly to the towne in Corne four shillings;

Graunted Libertie to Good: Barker senr: libertie to take up soe much meadow in a Common meadow on the (easterly crossed out) southerly side of (ensigne crossed out) Serjt: Stevens his meadow, as shall be ? up in a way a rod wide through his wades meadow

Graunted Libertie to goodman Poor to take up soe much land adjoyning to his other land as shall be taken up by a high way of four rodde wide through his land over Shawshin river by his fence side.

Dudley Bradstreet & Ephraim Steevens is to se the way & land layd out.

Graunted to Goodwife Barker Senr: in Consideration of the benefit the towne hath received by her teaching their childern six acres of land somewhere near his husbands pond ground

Graunted libertie to John Lovejoy Senr: to take up soe much swamp land not exceeding two acres, in a slip of land betwixt his owne land and Deacon Ffries (?) Land, as will satisfie for an acre of meadow of his last division.

Att a lawfull Towne Meeting att Andover the 3rd day of January 1680

Left: John Osgood was chosen Moderator for this Meeting.

Capt: Dudley Bradstreet & Left: John Osgood Ensign: Thomas Chandler:

Serjnt John Steevens, Sg. Serjnt John Barker were chosen select men for the year ensuing

George Abbott Drummer was chosen Constable for the North end of the Towne for the year ensuing & Joseph Ballard was chosen Constable for the south end of the towne for the year ensuing.

Richard Barker snr: was chosen Grand juryman for the year ensuing.

Att a lawfull town Meeting this 2nd of february 1680 Ensign: Thomas Chandler was chosen Moderator for this present meeting.

It was alsoe voted & agreed upon this meeting should for this year serve instead of the meeting the town used to have upon the first monday in March.

It was voted & agreed upon that Capt: Dudley Bradstreet & Left: John Osgood & Ensign Chandler were chosen (rest of paragraph not deciphered)

Whereas it was formerly a town orde made for the allowances of 30 for each wolf was killed in the towne, That order is hereby repealed and ** will allowe noe more than what the law specifies.

It was voted that there should be a Committee chosen to agree with Mr: Deane to seat persons in the meeting house.

The Committie Chosen for the work aforesaid was Capt: Bradstreet Ensigne Chandler, Deacon ffrie Good: Barker senr: George Abbott senr:

It was voted and agreed upon that if any person either male or female, shall sitt in any other place in the meeting house then where they are appointed by the aforesaid Committee, shall forfeit for every such offence to the use of the towne 20 * (pence abbreviated? or could it be as much as shillings?) to be forthwith gathered by the Constable, by ordr: fromsd Committe, & if sd Constable faileth to doe, as abovesd, to pay 3d sum himself.

Graunted to Capt: Bradstreet Left: Osgood & Ensigne Chandler and such others as they shall assotiate to themselves the Libertie & privilege of firshing (sic) in Shawshin River from the mouth of sd River up to the old bridge and upon Merimake River twenty rods below the mouth of sd River of Shawshin & twenty rods up the sd River of Merimake from mouth of sd River of Shawshin and twenty rods into the sd. River of Merimake frome the uper end and lower end of the aforesd twenty rods, & the abovesd person(s) with such as they shall joyne with them, are to enjoy the abovesd priviledge the ful and just terme of twenty one years, from the first day of May next, the first ten years, they shall have it for nothing, the other eleven years, either to pay to the towne 10d 8? per annum or resigne up their future interest in ye sd place and alsoe they are to sell to any inhabitant, bass at 5d per peice provided those that buy buy two at one time, the partie buying to chose one ye partie selling to choose another and if the partie buying chose rather to pay 3d per peice for **** in money, the owners of sd priviledge shall not refuse the same, provided as abovesd they buy 2 at a time each partie.

Graunted to Richard Barker senr: att the meadow joyning upon fullers line wherein Samuell Martin hath an acre and a half that is to say from the place where Samuell Martin shewed the Left: & good: Poor whereabouts ffullers line came over all which meadow is graunted to Richard Barker in full satisfaction of soe much meadow as he lost by ffullers line. Left: Osgood Ensigne Chandler Serjnt Ingalls Daniel Poor, are desired to goe and mark the trees where the Left: & good Poor shewed us, (?) that Sam Martin told them, that Serjnt ffullers son told him that his fathers line came across as he thought.

It was noted that all swamp Land formerly layd out by ye ose meadow shall not be accounted (rest undeciphered)

Granted libertie to Stephen Parker upon the account of his fathers right or meadow two acres of swamp land betwixt his owne Land & the hustle berry plaine as he hath gott the lotlayers, already to bound it.

Att a lawfull towne meeting this tenth day of October: 1681 Dudley Bradstreet Left: Osgood Ensigne Chandler Richard Barker senr: John ffrie junr: Serjnt: John Stevens Serjnt: John Barker were chosen as a Committe, and are hereby impowred to dispose of that parsonage Land which was given to Good: Barker senr: & Good: ffrie senr: as ffeofes in trust for the use & behohfe of the ministrie, to change that, or other lands upon the Common, for land and other accomadations for the ministrie, as near the meeting house as they Can Conveniently.

The abovesd Committe are alsoe desired to Consider and act Concerning Mr. Deanes Sallery, either by petitioning the Genll: Court or otherwise as they shall thinke best.

Thomas Osgood is accepted a Townsman paying yearly to the towne four shillings as other four shilling men doe.

Att a Lawfull towne meeting ye 2d of January 1681 Esigne Thomas Chandler was chosen Moderatr: for this meeting.

Capt: Bradstreet, Left: Osgood, Ensigne Chandler, Richard Barker senr: & Deacon ffrie are chosen select men for the year ensuing.

Samuell ffrie is chosen Constable for the year ensuing, for the south end of the towne, & Joseph Steevens for the North end of the towne.

Daniell Poor senr: is chosen grandjuryman for the year ensuing

It was voted and passed that whereas the Committe chosen the last towne meeting had power to dispose of some of the Common for the purchasing of a Convenient place for a ministers house to be built upon,) that act is hereby made voide, and libertie given to the sd Committe, to lay the bounds of the parsonage land farther into the Common, provided they leave as much of sd personage land to the Common, as they take out of the Common.

Whereas there was formerly-an agreement {?} a^F-the-Towne-of Andover {these- preceding words written ever-and-apparently struck-out}

It was universally voted that the Committe abovesd should give mr Bernard a Call to settle here in Andovr: for the Carrying of the work of the ministrie here amongst us.

Sold to Epraim Steevens four acres of Land of that which was formerly Thomas Pours, and adjoining to the land of Samuell Martin, he paying to the towne within a twelvemonth four pounds, the one half wheat the other half Indian Corne.

Granted libertie to John Tyler to change that twentie acres of land which was granted to John Bridges and to lay it to ye est end of his lot he had of Lawrence Heart and to run ye breadth of his lot only he is to pay to ye Towne five pounds in money to ye Towne & 50d ye next year alsoe sold sd Tyler at ye same time a hole of meadow called bull rush hole for which he is to pay 20d in money p sent (time?)

Sold to Hugh Stone ten rods of ground joyning to his hortyard he paying to the towne two shillings and six pence in money.

At a lawfull meeting of the towne this 6th of March 1631/2 Ensigne Thomas Chandler was chosen Moderator for this meeting.

Graunted libertie to any man (the Towne or Committe they shall chose) to sett up a saw mill, ffulling mill & grist mill, upon Shawshin River neare Rogers Brooke, to take up twentie acres of Land adjoining to the sd place and to enjoy the same for ever, with the priviledges of a Townes man.

Capt: Dudley Bradstreet Left: Jno. Osgood Ensigne Thomas Chandler Deacon Jno ffrie, Serjnt: John Steevens are chosen as a committe to act in this affair to make articles with such person, or persons as they shall judge fit and their sd act to be binding to the towne, provided they allowe of noe timber to be transported out of towne, in case the inhabitants of the towne shall be ready to buy what is cut at sd mill.

Voted that satisfaction should be made to Thomas Johnson, for what meadow was intended for him, which afterwards proved Daniel Poors senr William Chandler senr: & Joseph Marble are appointed to measure the abovesd meadowe that was left, and measure as much to him in some other meadowe that is Common, and if the meadowe propounded be not enough to have ye rest in swamp Land.

Voted and passed that the Towne shall give Mr: Barnard fifty pounds per annum, ye on quarter of it in money, the use of the personage, & all his firewood, during the time mr: Deane shall carry on part of the work and when mr: Dean shall cease to carry on part of the work, then Mr. Barnard shall have eighty pounds per annum, one quarter part of in money together with the use of the personage, and all his fire wood during the time he shall carry on the whole work of the ministrie.

Voted that Richard Barker senr: shall take up as much meadowe or swamp Land, as is his due for what he lost in the Beechen meadowe and was to have had in a meadowe of Samuell Martins but is now to take up as abovesd:

Graunted libertie to Serjnt: Ingalls to take up three acres of swamp Land adjoining to the Land he hath in Cochichawicka feild, and soe by the fence side towards Thomas Abbotts house.

Graunted libertie to Samuell Ingalls to change that twentie acres of land he had of the towne, and to lay it betwixt musketoe River and Samuell ffries.

Graunted libertie to William Blunt to change two acres of land on the east side of the way leading to Oburne, and to lay it on the west side of the way, provided he take not in a spring that lyeth thereabout and not to prejudice any high way.

Graunted libertie to William Lovejoy to make use of three acres of upland, on the left hand of the way leading to his house, for seaven years from the first of Septembe: next and at the end of seaven years to be left suffitiently sowen with English hay seed.

Graunted libertie to William Ballard, junr: to change two acres of land on the west side of his land, and to lay it on the Northeast Corne(r of) his land, soe as to take in some water. ffranciss Dean and John Chandler are appointed to lay sd land out.

Sold to George Abbott shoemaker an acre of land, the one half joyning to a peice of meadow (of Marke Graves) the other half joyning to his owne Land, he paying to the towne within a

twelve month, either twenty shillings in money or thirty shillings the one half wheat the other half Indian Corne.*****

Sold to Robert Gray ten acres of upland near his house not prejudicing any high way, he paying to the Towne within a twelvemonth ten pounds, the one half wheat the other half Indian Corne.

Serjnt: John Steevens is chosen a jury man for the next Court at Ipswich:

Graunted to Goodman Barker Senr: a parcell of swamp Land on the North side of bear hill and soe towards mr: ffaulkners meadowe, for as much as it will amount to towards his meadowe he lost at Beechen meadowe.

Graunted libertie to Samuell Phelps to exchange six acres of upland to take it from the west end of his lot, and to lay it on the south side of his house, William Johnson & John Chandler to lay it out.

Sold to Joseph Steevens about a quarter of an acre of upland between his land and the cart way leading to William Chandlers he paying within a twelvemonth for it after the rate of thirty shillings per acre the one half wheat the other half Indian Corne.

Sold to the widowe Abbott a gore of land between the Land of William Blunt, and the land of Edward Whittington, she paying within a twelve month after the rate of thirty shillings an acre, the one half wheat the other half Indian Corne, or twentie shillings in money.

Graunted libertie to James ffrie to improve five acres of the personage land beyond the land of Nathaniell Deane, for seaven years from the first of September next, and at the end of seaven years, to leave it well and sufficiently sowed wth English hay seed, and alsoe to leave it in broad lands; and not in Indian hills

Sold to francis ffaulkner a parcell of land lying on the west side of Shawshin River and on the North side of way going over the foord, and soe up to his meadowe he paying within twelve month, to the Towne after the rate of thirty shillings an acre, the half wheat the other half Indian Corne, or twenty shillings an acre in money.

Sold to William Ballard Senr: a parcell of upland lying by the east side of his orchard, a rod wide and twenty rods long he paying to the Towne after the rate of thirty shillings an acre, the one half wheat the other half Indian Corne, or twenty shillings an acre in money.

Att a lawfull towne meeting this 1st day of January 1682 Left: Jno: Osgood was chosen moderator: for this meeting.

Capt: Bradstreet, Left: Osgood, Ensigne Chandler Richard Barker, Senr: & Serjnt: John Steevens, is chosen Select men for the year ensuing.

John Aslett is chosen Constable for the North end of the Towne, and Joseph Ballard Constable for the South end of the Towne for the year ensuing.

John Abbott Senr: is chosen Grandjury man for the year ensuing.

Granted to Corpll: Steeven Johnson libertie to take up two acres of swamp land, in leiu of an acre of meadowe Billerica lays claim to the sd 2 acres of swamp land to lie betwixt Good: Allens great Division, and the Towne line.

Sold to Stephen Parker an acre of Land on the east side of the swamp by his house, betwixt that and the west end of the ware hill, prejudicing noe high way, he paying to the towne by this time twelve month either thirty shillings in Indian Corne & wheat in equall proportion or twenty shillings in money.

Voted & passed that a Committe be chosen and impowred to take notice of what meadowes was layd out joyning upon swamps, and to state the sd bounds as near to sd swamps as can be imagined, their bounds was ever intended, and rather to intrench upon the Powne then upon any mans propertie.

Capt: Bradstreet Left: Osgood, Ensigne Chandler, Good: Poor, Richard Barker Senr: John Lovejoy Nathan Parker, Thomas Johnson, are chosen a Committe to act as abovesd, & their returne, to be accounted authentike, notwithstanding any imperfect entry of meadowes as above circumstanced, and the sd bounds which sd Committe returne to be accounted the proper bounds.

Voted and passed, that whereas Mr: Barnard made propositions to the Towne this meeting, for a four acre lott &c: the Towne have agreed, as abovesd to take it into their Consideration, tell the next Towne meeting, and then to returne a full answer.

Att a meeting of the Towne the 5th of March 1682/3 according to Towne orde: Left: Jno: Osgood was chosen moderatr: for this meeting.

It was voted and passed that, the South end of the Towne provide bulls for themselves at their owne charge, and for the North part of the Towne to doe the like.

Capt: Bradstreet was chosen to goe to Ipswich the first day of Ipswich Court there to Consult with, & hear what the Gentlemen of the several Townes betwixt Naumbeage & Memonake, that are to meet there about Mr: Masons claime, have to offer for the good of sd severall Townes, & soe to make report to the Towne.

Whereas the lot layers through a mistake layd out to Goodman Ballard Senr: two acres of Land more then his due, in those percells of land near his house, the Towne hath given him libertie, to enjoy it, for which end he hath throwen up to the Towne, a percell of broken up land of about two acres & a quarter in Shawshin feild, adjoyning to the land which, was formerly John Lovejoys Senr:

Granted libertie to Ensigne Chandler to change a part of his great Division which joynes to Little hope meadowe, and lay soe much on the westerly side of his sd Division, the lotlayers measuring exactly (?) the quantity layd downe, & taken up as abovesd

Given & graunted to Joshua Woodman (in Consideration of his loss he sustained by the Indians) six acres of land on the North east side of a peice of meadowe of Goodman Phelps; and the south end of Ensigne Chandlers Land he had of John Russ, provided it prejudice noe high way to any man's propietir, as Goodman Poor shall judge being to be one of the lotlayers to lay it out.

Graunted libertie to Samuell Blanchard to take up as much swamp Land on the southeast end of his meadowe, as to make up his last division of meadowe not exceeding the towne ordc: about swamp land, laid out for meadowe.

According to a vote passed the last towne meeting about Mr. Barnards propositions made to the towne, it was put to vote whether the towne or any of them did thinke they were in a Capacity to answeere Mr: Barnards requests, which they by this vote declared they were not.

Voted and passed that, the towne shall pay for Mr: Barnards diet soe long as he remains a single man in the towne, the Towne in the mean time paying of him noe wood & the towne to have the use of the Lott & meadowe in the mean time.

Voted & passed that five pounds of Mr: Deans sallery shall be payd in silver during his abode, in the ministrie.

Voted that Thomas Johnson shall have libertie to take as much swamp land, on the North end of ensig(ne) Chandlers Lot as shall make up that parcell of meadowe graunted to him this time twelve month, as much as Good: Poor tooke from him at the pond meadowe, not exceeding the towne ordc: about swamp Land.

Graunted libertie to James ffrie to stake up the five acres of land graunted him this time twelvemonth, out of the Parsonage Land, to take it on the North side of Musketo River & betwixt the Millers meadowe, & the Wades meadowe way, to have the sd land upon the termes he had the other begining at the same time.

Sold to John Aslett a percell of land at the lower end of his Lott, in noe measure prejudicing the high way that way, & Good: Marstone, & Serjnt: Barker are to measure the same & to sett the bounds of it, and the sd Aslett to pay after the rate of twenty five shillings an acre in money.

Sold to Abraham Graves an a(c)re of land on the southerly end of his fathers land, he paying to the towne twenty shillings in money or thirty shillings in pay: (sic)

Graunted to Joseph Ballard libertie, to improve six acres of land for seaven years, on the south side of William Chandlers brooke running through his meadowe, and at the end of seaven years to sowe it sufficiently with English hay seed, and to leave it in broad lands, the seven years to begin the first of Septembe: next.

Att a Lawfull Powme meeting the 7th of January 1683 Capt John Osgood was chosen moderatr: for this meeting

Christopher Osgood, Steeven Osgood, Serjnt: Barker, John Narston senr: Daniell Poor senr: are chosen select men for the year ensuing.

Voted and passed that from this time forward att the towne meeting when Constables are to be Chosen, that two shall be nominated by the Constables the last year for each end of the towne, & he of those two that have the most votes, shall serve as Constable for the year ensuing.

William Barker was chosen, Constable for the North end of the towne for the year ensuing.

Left: Chandler is chosen Constable for the South end of the towne for the year ensuing.

John ffarnum is chosen Grandjurie man for the year ensuing.

Voted and passed that whereas Joseph Steevens was chosen by the select men the last year to sit among the boys & keep ord~~e~~; among them in the meeting house on the Sabbath Day he having refused, he is hereby ordered to sit among them for three months to Come or pay twenty shillings to the use of the Towne, to be distrained by the Constable and all persons to be choosen by the select men for the service abovesd, for the future & refusing, must expect the same penalty, & the Select men from year to year are to see meet persons Chosen, & upon default of the persons soe chose to issue out their warrants for the gathering the sd penaltie according to this orde:

Voted and passed that all persons shall bring in a list of their rateable estate the Last munday in Augrust at 8 of the clock from year to year there to be examined in the publicke meeting, and whoever shall keep back any part of their rateable estate shall forfeit five shillings for every perticular to the use of the Towne according to a former orde: & whosoever shall not then bring in their bills as abovesd shall be rated by will & double unless they be providentially hindered & for it appear to the Select men.

Voted & passed that for the future all pasture Land & meadowe ground shall pay after the rate of a half penny an acre as it hath been layd out by the Lottlayers to the ministers rate and att Towne charges:

Graunted libertie to George Abbott Senr: to change an acre or thereabouts of his Land by Ensigne Steevens, on the north side of sd. Land & lay it on the South side, of sd: Land & Ensigne Steevens & Corpll: Nathan Steevens are the men appointed to Lay it out.

Sold to Richard Barker junr: a frogg pond lying against his house & soe to joyne to his house provided he make a way on the south side of it to the satisfaction of the neighbourhood, he paying to the Towne for it after the rate of 30d (?)* per acre, & Joseph Robinson & Alexande: Sessions are appointed to lay it out. * (probably shillings abbreviated)



Graunted libertie to Henery Ingalls junr: to lay that twenty acres of upland formerly graunted him by the towne, on the hill by Scull: ffries, and to lay if adjoyning, to the Southend and the east side of his fathers Land, not prejudicing any high way.

Sold to Joseph Willson a gore of Land between the Land of John Aslebeee and his owne Land, he paying to the Towne after the rate of 30 (shilling abbreviated)? per acre, in specie formerly mentioned: & Good: Lovejoy Senr: & Hop Tyler are to see it layd out.

Att a lawfull Towne meeting this 3d: Day of March 1683/4 Capt: John Osgood was chosen Moderatr: for this meeting.

Whereas Richard Barker, Senr: lost two acres and an half of meadowe in the Beechen meadow, by Good: ffuller of Wills hill, the Towne hath graunted him libertie, to take an acre of it in a swamp lying between the Land of Stephen Parker & the land of Stephen Barker, the other acre & half to be taken in the wolf swamp, being layd out according to towne orde: (viz:) not exceeding two acres for one.

Sold to John Graunger two acres of upland in the South side of the way against his house he paying to the Towne for it wthin a twelve month either fourtie Shillings in money or three pounds in pay as the towne debts are to be payd (viz) one half wheat the other half Indian Corne at Country prist. (i.e. priced)

Sold to Samuel Marble a small Gore of Land lying betwixt the South end of his Land and the middle way going over the swamp and soe over the swamp just to stake in the swamp, he Constantly & always maintaining the sd middle way to be Conveniently passable to a team & paying to the Towne for the sd Land, after the rate of thirty shillings in pay or twenty shillings in money, Capt: Eradstreet & John Aslbee are appointed to lay it out.

Sold to Moses Haggott a parcell of Rubbish ground joyning to his owne Land, not prejudicing any way he paying after the rate of thirty shillings in wheat & Indian Corne in equall proportions or twenty shillings an acre in money, to be payd to the Towne wthin a twelve month, & John Chandler & ffrancis Deanin are to lay it out.

Graunted libertie to John ffaulkner to lay downe to the Town twelve acres of his Land on the North end of the wallnut tree hill, and to take in leieu of it ten acres adjoyning to the Land of John Marstone Jun^e: and ye wolf swamp on ye north side of Ipswich rode,

Voted & passed that Daniell Poor Senr: & Thomas Johnson shall be the only lottlayers in the Towne tell others be chosen, & Nathan Parker is discharged of that place.

Att a lawfull Tawne meeting, the 25th, of April 1684 Capt: John Osgood was chose moderator.

Abraham ffoster was chosen Constable, for the south end of the Towne for the year ensuing;



At a lawful meeting of the town this 5th of January 1684 Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this present meeting. Capt. Bradstreet, Sergeant Barker, Christopher Osgood, Daniel Poor, Sr., and John Marston, Sr., were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

John Osgood, Jr., was chosen constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing, and George Abbott, Jr., was chosen constable for the south end of the town for the year ensuing.

Corpll. John Chandler was chosen grand juryman for the year ensuing.

It was voted and passed that whatsoever person in the town hath sold any meadow to out town people, shall by the first Monday in March next give an account of sd quantity of meadow so sold and the persons to whom it was sold, or pay, to the town for default hereof the sum of five shillings, the aforsd account to be given to the selectmen for the time being and the said selectmen upon as aforsd are hereby ordered to gather the sd five shillings with the rest of the Town rates & this order to continue from year to year as men shall sell meadow.

It was voted and declared that all persons who have meadow adjoining to any swamps shall give them in writing to Capt. Bradstreet by the first day of Feb. next, upon the forfeiture of ten shillings to the Town, to be gathered by the Selectmen with the Town rates. The occasion of sd vote was that the committee appointed in the year (82) may settle such bounds according to the Town order in the abovesd order in (82).

At a lawful town meeting this 2d March 1684/5 Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting. It was voted & passed that whosoever shall fall any tree or trees across any public or private cart way, and left the same lay there twenty four hours shall forfeit for every such offense five shillings to the use of the Town to be gathered by the constable, by warrant from the selectmen any person complaining to the selectmen & making proof of the same.

It was voted and passed that all those that had land sold them by the town the last year shall get it layed out within this two months and to make a return of the same to the selectmen by the time appointed or shall forfeit five shillings to the town and their grant. It was also voted at the same time, that for the future what land shall be sold to any person by the town shall have it layed out within the year and returned to the selectmen upon the forfeiture of 10 shillings.



It was voted and passed that the selectmen that now are shall agree with John Grainger to build a convenient court yard for the parsonage house and to pay him out of a parcel of land on the west side of Shawshin river, lying between the land of Francis Faulkner and Daniel Poor, Sen.

Granted liberty to Samuel Marble to change so much land on the upper side of the way by his house as he shall take in to his lower hoptyard on that side of the way and Capt. Bradstreet and Ensign Stevens are to see it done.

Granted liberty to Ephraim Stevens to lay down that two acres of land the town gave said Stevens, and to take up so much in the swamp that runs to Job's Folly, not perjudicing any person or way, and Corporal Martin and John Aslebee are to lay it out. Granted liberty to Ralph Farnum, Sen., to lay down forty acres of his great division and to take up thirty acres in the lieu of it upon the hill by Samuel Holt's, he leaving a road betwixt Goodman Holt's land and the land he takes up.

Sold to Jacob Marston twenty acres of upland on the south side of the way against the place where Joseph Parker, Jun., had a house standing, he the said Jacob paying to the town five pounds per annum for six years from the date hereof, the one half English, the other half Indian corn.

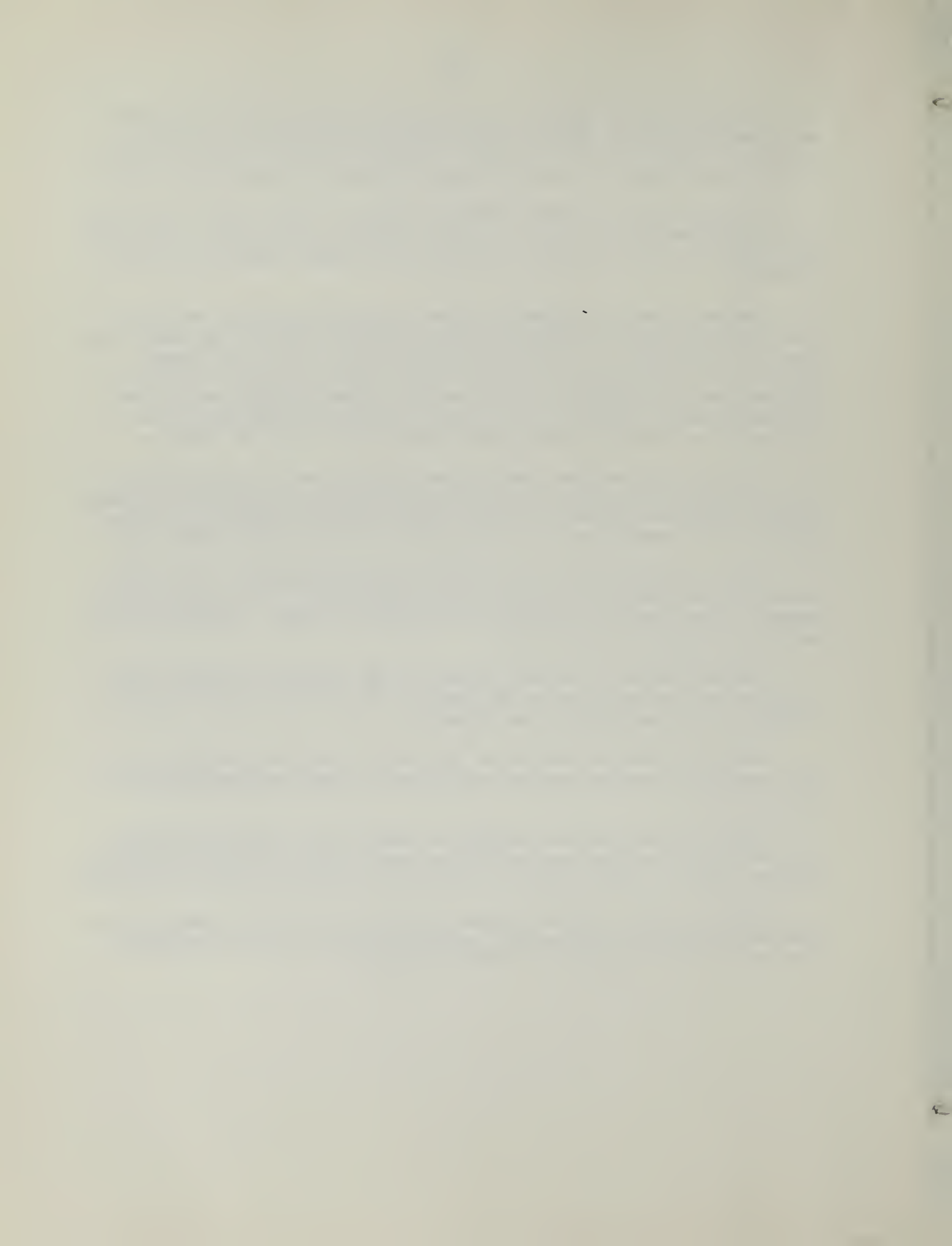
Sold to Timothy Abbott twenty rods of land adjoining to the twenty acres of land formerly granted to Edward Whittington, he the said Timothy paying to the town two shillings and six pence in money. Joseph Ballard and William Blunt to lay it out.

Granted liberty to Goodman Russell to lay down ten or twelve acres of upland on the west side of his land and lay so much on the southeast of his land not perjudicing any highway.

Granted to George Abbott 8 or ten rods by his well provided he pay the town after the rate the town sells land. Joseph and John Ballard to lay it out.

Granted liberty to Lt. Chandler to take as much swamp land adjoining to the land he purchased of William Johnson as will satisfy according to town order for three quarters of an acre of meadow for his last division.

Granted to Sgt. Johnson liberty to take up a parcel of swamp according to town order as much as will satisfy for half an acre of meadow on the south side of his pasture before his house.



Voted and passed that for the future the selectmen shall from year to year make the ministers rate sometime in September. that so the constable may gather the English part may be gathered in October and the Indian Corn part as soon as it is merchantable.

~~It is ordered that the selectmen shall take care to make a new fence on the west side of Mr. Dean's pasture against those he adjoins to~~

The above said vote was not consented to:

It was voted afterwards that the selectmen shall fence the west side of Mr. Dean's pasture by his house, only to set it up new but not to maintain it.

Voted that Ensign John Stevens and John Aslebee shall have the improvement of twelve acres of land, for seven years from the date hereof the said land lying upon Bear Hill, and to leave it in English Stubble and to sow it well and sufficiently with English hay seed at the of the said term and to make use of no other timber or brush for the fencing of it but what now grows upon the ground they are to improve.

Granted to Ebenezer Barker two acres of upland adjoining to his land on the west side of Shawshin River which was part his father's great division, and is in consideration of damage he received in his pay from the town for building the parsonage house.

Granted liberty to Stephen Osgood to improve a parcel of land adjoining to the end of his lot, for seven years and at the end of seven years to leave it in English stubble and to sow it the last year well and sufficiently with English hay seed and to improve no other stuff for the fencing of it but what grows upon the said land. Lt. Chandler and Walter Wright to take an account of it.

At a lawful town meeting this 4th day of January 1685, Ensign John Stevens was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Capt. Dudley Bradstreet, Capt. John Osgood, Lt. Chandler, Ensign John Stevens and Corporal Samuel Martin were chosen for the selectmen for the year ensuing.

Corporal Nathan Stevens was chosen constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing. James Frie was chosen constable for the south end of the town for the year ensuing.

Corporal Samuel Holt was chosen grandjury man for the year ensuing.

Sold to John Carleton twenty acres of upland lying betwixt the land of Samuel Frie and Henry Ingalls, Jr. his land leaving a sufficient road for cattle and carting betwixt said lands. He the said Carleton paying yearly to the town five pounds in good merchantable corn the one half English, the other half Indian, till he shall have paid thirty pounds, beginning the year from this present meeting.

Granted liberty to Henry Ingalls, Jr., to set up a sawmill upon Mustletoe river below Boston meadow way, he damnifying no highway to meadows, but no liberty given to make use of any town timber but what particular inhabitants of the town, bring for their own use, to be used in the town.

Voted and passed that the selectmen for this year shall have power to sue all constables or any others indebted to the town, ratifying and confirming hereby their act herein and also to manage all prudentials of the town as it here mentioned.

Granted liberty to Henry Holt to set a sawmill upon Ladle meadow brook provided he sell no timber out of town, nor to damnify any persons nor road.

Sold to John Bridges about two or three acres of upland or what shall appear to be there to his content, lying on the north side of ten acre meadow provided he pay to the town thirty shillings per acre, in such pay as the town sells land for, within this twelve months and also he is to allow Capt. Bradstreet a convenient cart way to that part of his meadow, and not to live upon said land himself nor suffer any so to do.

This he threw up to the town again.

Voted and passed that the way that goes by Samuell Blanchard his house, and hath done for many years, shall yet be continued a way for inhabitants to go to Heynesi'k and Chelmsford — and for inhabitants to come to the town, but not to be reparable by the town.

Sold to Sgt. John Barker about half an acre of upland or what shall be convenient for him joining to his father Barker his house lot, not prejudicing the way to the mill, he paying for it as land is usually sold (viz:) thirty shillings per acre.

Voted and passed that Joseph Ballard and John Abbott Senr. shall measure the country road through Abraham Foster his land and meadow, and to allow it two rods wide and lay so much to him adjoining to the same tract of land, either upon one side or one end so as to run the length or bredth of his said land.

Sold to Joseph Stevens an acre of swampy land lying on the southeast side of Ephraim Stevens his land, which was formerly in the possession of Thomas Poor, he paying to the town thirty shilling 20d. of which he hath already paid in 2 wolves which he catch in since the rate was made, and the other ten shillings to be paid out of the next wolf he catches.

Lt. Chandler was chosen for a lotlayer for this year to serve with Thomas Johnson, in the time of Goodman Poor his sickness, or till the town take further order.

Sold to Joseph Robinson ten acres of upland adjoining to the land he formerly changed upon Mr. Dean his account, leaving a good highway there and paying to the town thirty shillings per acre, in specie, as land is sold by the town for, the paying five pounds per annum till the whole be paid beginning from the date hereof.

Whereas Robert Grey had formerly a grant of ten acres of upland upon condition he paid ten pounds to the town in such a time as is there mentioned, the said Robert Grey came into this meeting and did freely resign up the said land to the town again, which the town hath accepted of. Sold to James Frie half an acre of swamp adjoining to his piece of meadow he hath in a meadow called millers meadow, he paying of fifteen shillings in English and Indian corn, good and merchantable, within this twelve month.

At a lawful town meeting this 1st of March 1635/6 Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Sold to Ephraim Stevens a parcel of swamp near the ground he formerly bought of the town containing about two acres or what shall appear by measure, for thirty shillings per acre, the one half English, the other half Indian corn, to be paid by this time twelve months, he observing the town order for laying it out.

Granted liberty to Moses Haggett, to take up what land formerly sold him by the town which he forfeited by not observing the town order therein, and he is to pay 5d to the town, for this renewal of his grant, and for his land as formerly it was sold him.

Granted liberty to the Widow Abbott, the relict of George Abbott, Sr., to call forth the lotlayers and to new lay the said Abbot's great division of upland with four acres of swampland, according to a former order of the town, it having been formerly laid out and returned imperfectly so that it could not be entered in the records.

Granted liberty to Samuel Marble liberty to exchange a parcel of land he hath lying on the west end of Stephen Barnard's land he the said Barnard bought of said Marble, and to lay out so much on the south west side of a parcel of ground the town gave to Joshua Woodman for his loss he sustained by the Indians.

Sols to Samuell Preston an acre of swamp land lying on the left hand of the way leading to John Abbott's, he paying according to a town order: Thirty shillings in English and Indian corn at the current price, it lying in the meantime as security to the town for the payment thereof.

Voted and passed that the committee that was chosen in the year (82) shall still continue in force, and hereby are obliged to go about the business relating to meadows, and to make return of what they have done the next town meeting the town paying them for their time.

Voted and passed that the major part of the selectmen for the time being and from time to time shall be a committee for the ordering where each person male and female shall sit in the meeting house, by male and female is meant from 18 or 20 years old and upward and persons that are disobedient to this order shall pay ten shillings per diem for their disorder.

Voted and passed that the constable from year to year shall the last Monday in August at nine of the clock in the morning call all the inhabitants of the town by name (by inhabitants is meant all householders and persons that have the management of any estate and hired servants) and if any such person shall not then appear at the meeting house and bring the bills of their rateable estates, they shall pay five shillings to the use of the town the selectmen making the constable a reasonable allowance for his care and pains.

At a town meeting of the town lawfully assembled this 11th of October 1686.

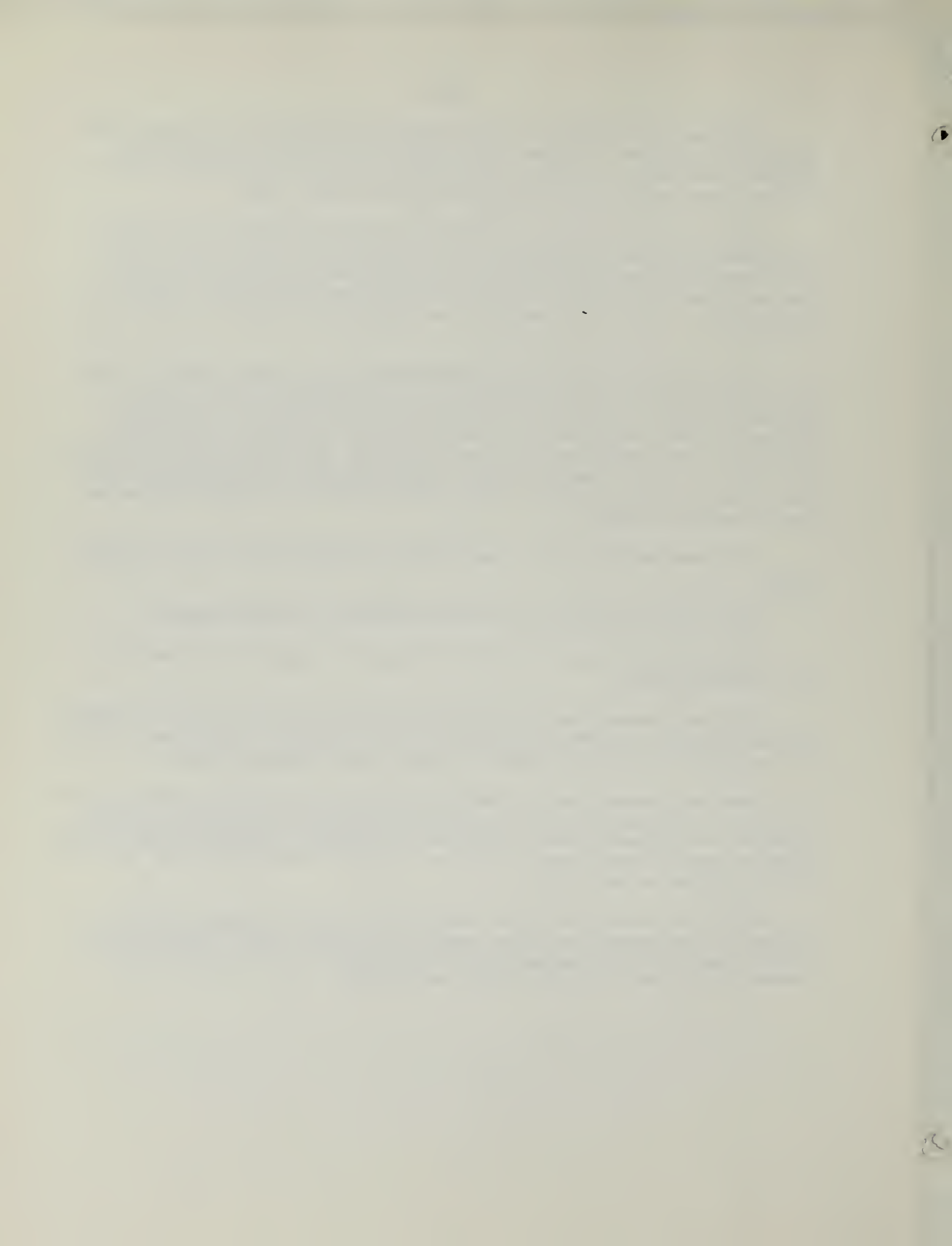
Lieut. Thomas Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted and passed that the town will give Mr. Barnard some land for his own inheritance.

Voted and passed that Mr. Barnard shall have the land which is between the way leading to Shawshin field and the way leading to Cochichawick field and northerly to the line where the Common fence formerly stood.

Voted and passed that Mr. Barnard shall also have three score acres of land out of that four score acres of land which was John Johnson's great division, and liberty given to him the said Johnson to change it for another place as appears upon record, and Lieut. Chandler and Goodman Poor and Thomas Johnson to lay it out.

Voted that those that catch wolves in the town of Andover and act therein as the former law of the country did direct, shall have ten shillings for each wolf, to be paid by the town unless the authority of the country take some other order about such things.



At a lawful town meeting this 3rd day of January 1656

Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Capt. John Osgood, Richard Barker, Sr., Daniel Poor, Sr., Stephen Osgood and Christopher Osgood are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Francis Faulkner is chosen constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing.

John Chandler was chosen constable for the south end of the town for the year ensuing.

Voted that Richard Barker Sr., shall have a parcel of meadow in Wades meadow, on the easterly side of Ensign Stevens his meadow, being bounded with the Cedar swamp and the upland it being in full satisfaction for a high way for the inhabitants of Andover over his the said Barker's Wades meadow and the grant in the year (79 - 80) is hereby made void.

Voted and passed that for the future the town shall change no land with any man, but with the consent of every inhabitant of the town; they having sufficiently experienced the damage thereby, already.

Voted that Mr. Barnard's wood shall be paid in long wood and to be proportioned as the town shall afterwards agree.

Voted and passed that the selectmen for this year shall be a committee for this year for the proportioning of each man's share of wood to be paid to Mr. Barnard according to every man's rate for this year which they are forthwith to do, and to signify to the inhabitants.

At a town meeting this 7th of March, 1636/7

Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted and passed that Deacon John Frie shall go down to Boston and inquire of the authority there how they understand the meaning of their proclamation about the selectmen and constables continuing in place till farther order: informing them of our actions herein and to make report to Capt. Osgood, who shall inform the town thereof.

Voted and passed that the hill called the Ware Hill beginning on the north with the land of Stephen Barker and Stephen Parker and going southerly to the land of Henry Ingalls Sr., and the lands and meadows already laid out and westerly with land already laid out said hill to remain for (torn) sheep pasture forever the wood and timber for the inhabitants.

Voted and passed that a tract of common land lying betwixt the land of Christopher Osgood and the land of John Chandler and so between that way and the farther clay pit meadow shall always lie as a sheep common not prejudicing any way.

Voted and passed that a parcel of land lying between the land of William Ballard, Sr., and the pond called Ballard's pond and so to the end of the pine plain, and so between the land of Joseph Ballard, Hugh Stone and William Blunt, and so to John Abbott shall for ever lie for a sheep pasture.

Voted and passed that all the common land betwixt the land of Stephen Johnson, Andrew Foster, Joseph Lovejoy and so to Lt. Chandler's land, shall always lie for a sheep common the abovesaid sheep commons being free for all commoners both for fire wood, timber and the feed of other cattle, horses or otherwise, but not for others.

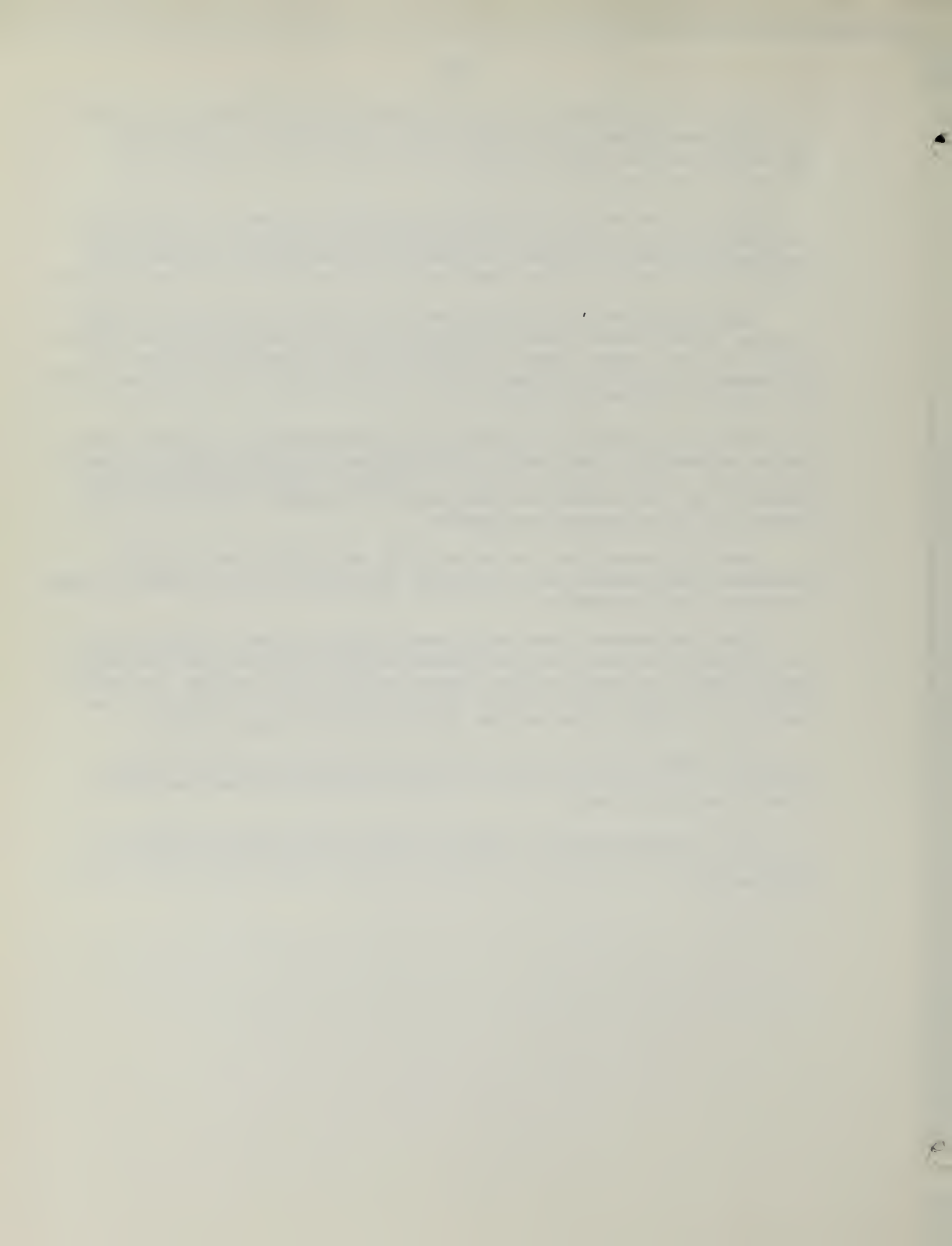
Voted and passed that no fish called alewives shall be stopped by any person whatsoever in their going up into the pond, but what shall be caught at the mill in their passage except for eating in their families upon the forfeiture of five pounds, and said person to be suable that shall so do, by any that finds themselves aggrieved.

Voted and passed that the act about the way going through Goodman Blanchard's land made the 4th of January, 1685 shall be of no value, it being done upon wrong information.

Voted that whereas a way was allowed through the land of Goodman Lovejoy and Samuel Blanchard they have chosen mutually and the town allowed of Capt. Osgood, Lt. Chandler, Ens. Stevens and Cpl. John Chandler, and Deacon Frie to be a committee lay the way through said land; and to do it by the last of this instant March and the town to be at no charge about it.

Sold Stephen Barker an acre of land adjoining to the land of said Stephen, he paying after the rate of thirty shillings per acre according as we formerly sold land.

Sold to Ephraim Foster a parcel of land at the northeast corner of said Foster's land he paying according to former usage (viz.) thirty shillings per acre.



Andover the 2d day of January, 1687: at a lawful town meeting there according to town agreement

Capt. John was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Capt. John Osgood, Daniel Poor Sr., Christopher Osgood, John Aslebee and Joseph Ballard are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Stephen Parker was chosen constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing and Samuell Blanchard was chosen constable for the south end of the town for the year ensuing.

Granted to Sgt. Samuel Martin two acres of land in the wolf swamp adjoining to the land that is now in the possession of Samuell Marble, it being in consideration of an acre of meadow he lost by Sgt. Fuller's lines he laying it in a long square.

Voted and passed that whereas William Barker hath got the lotlayers to lay out a parcel of land that lies betwixt his own house, Sgt. Barker's house and Lawrence Lacy his land and the land of Alexander Sessions, the town declares that act void and confirms the said land to the neighborhood for a sheep common for ever.

Voted and passed that the town will allow such encouragement both of wood land and mine toward the setting up of iron works as may be most convenient for the same and least of judicial to the town and not to damnify the mill upon Shawshein river provided the owners agree with the committee according to the town order. The sawmill in said order excepted.

Granted liberty to Robert Eimes Moses Tyler & the neighborhood thereabouts to set up a house for their convenience for their families and horses on sabbath days to join to the south end of Goodman Phelps his house and so ranging with Capt. Eradstreet his line...

Granted liberty to Hope Tyler to set up a shop in the street near his house, provided he exceeds not fourteen foot from the wall nor about two and twenty foot in length.

At a lawful town meeting May the 21st 1688

Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted that the number of selectmen from time to time shall be six.

Capt. Eradstreet, Capt. Osgood, Lt. John Stevens, Christopher Osgood, Cpl. John Aslebee, and Cpl. Joseph Ballard, are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Capt. Thomas Chandler was chosen commissioner for this year.

Stephen Parker was chosen constable for the north end of the town for the year ensuing. Samuel Blanchard was chosen constable for the south end of the town.

Voted and passed that there shall be an addition made to the meeting house as soon as conveniently can be done, the selectmen to observe the law about it, the addition to be for bigness as the selectmen think meet.

Upon consideration that there was a small corner of land on the north side of Joseph Lovejoy's land, which is no ways beneficial to the sheep common there granted as the neighborhood informs, the town have therefore sold the said Joseph Lovejoy two acres of said land on the north side of his own land he paying thirty shillings per acre in specie as usual.

Whereas: Abraham Moor hath irregularly set his house upon the common, the town with his consent hath fined him ten shillings and also sold him an acre of land where his house now stands he paying to the town within a twelvemonth thirty shillings for it in specie usual.

At a general town meeting the 20th day of May 1689

Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator.

It was voted and declared by the inhabitants of the town of Andover no man dissenting, that it is their mind and desire that the Governor, deputy Governor and assistants chosen in the year 1686 (with the addition of such gentlemen as shall be chosen by the major vote of the inhabitants of this Colony, to make up the number according to charter) and the deputies then sent by the Freemen _____ of the said colony should be the Government settled in this Colony according to charter rights, until the Government be more orderly settled by the Crown of England.

Capt. John Osgood was chosen as a representative of the town to carry the abovesaid vote of the town to Boston and also the votes for such magistrates and others, as are wanting in the former choice, in the year (86).

At a town meeting legally warned to be this 15th July 1689:

Samuel Blanchard was chosen moderator for this meeting.

It was voted and passed (that whereas the time for choice of constables and selectmen was lapsed) the last year that the choice of said officers should be only till our usual town meetings for choice of such officers (viz:) the first Monday in January next.

Voted the number of selectmen shall be but five for this choice.

Capt. Dudley Bradstreet, Capt. John Osgood, Cpl. John Aslebee, John Osgood, Jr., and Richard Barker, Jr., are chosen selectmen till the first Monday in January next.

Daniel Poor was chosen constable for the north part of the town for the time abovesaid.

Francis Dane was chosen constable for the south end of the town for the time abovesaid.

It was voted that an acre and half of land be sold to Andrew Peters Sr. out of a gore of land between Capt. Chandler's and Walter Wright's, he having affirmed that the neighborhood were willing though they were not present. Joseph Ballard objected against this vote and desired his dissent might be entered.

Capt. Chandler and Steven Osgood were appointed to lay out the said land.

Sold to Ephraim Stevens three quarters of an acre of land against his own house adjoining to the land of Nathaniel Dane and Stephens at the usual price.

Voted that the twenty acres of land granted to a mill on Shawshin river shall be enjoyed by Joseph and John Ballard and their heirs so long as they shall keep up a grist and fulling mill for the good and benefit of the town, and in case by the providence of God said mills or dam should come to such casualty as to be wholly spoiled and they repair it not within three years after such casualty then said land to revert to the town and in case said Ballards see cause to sell said land, they shall first offer of it to the town and shall sell it to no other persons as the town shall accept and for the use and terms abovesaid.

Timothy Abbott a gore of land lying at the east end of his house north side of his land at the usual price. Joseph Ballard Holt to lay it out and go give account to the selectmen
 utity.
 full and general town meeting this 6th of January 1689 as Chandler was chosen moderator for this day.
 adstreet, Cap. Chandler, Sgr. Joseph Ballard, John and Henry Holt were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Walter Wright and Ephraim Foster were chosen constables for the town of Andover for the year ensuing.

Whereas there has been divers complaints of several persons that have encroached upon the town common both in meadow, upland, swampland and also in the improvement of timber by carrying it out of town contrary to the order of the town, which abuses the town is very sensible of & have therefore appointed a committee to hear said complaints and make return thereof to the town the next town meeting, with what they judge the damage to be, and the town to pay them for their pains, and all persons are desired to make report to said committee of what defects or abuses they know of the above-said nature that so we may be freed from the like complaints for time to come. This was voted and passed the 6th January 1689.

Lt. Barker, Cpl. John Aslebee and Joseph Marble were chosen for this committee, the town having voted that there should be the committee.

It was voted and passed that henceforward the minister's rates shall be made distinct from the town rate, and both at the time formerly agreed upon by the town (viz)* in September.

Sold to Mr. Andrew Peters what land lieth on the south side of what land he bought of the town formerly, up to the high way leading to John Abbott's, he paying after the rate of thirty shillings per acre, Capt. Chandler and Steven Osgood to measure it to him.

Granted liberty to Samuel Marble to change a parcel of land upon the gravelly ridge near his barn and to join it to Sgt. Nathan Stevens his lot, Sgt. Nathan Stevens and Sgt. John Bridges to measure said parcel of land, and to acquaint the selectmen of what the difference in worth is, and to give under their hands the bounds of said land that a record may be made of it.

and the overplus to be paid to the town by said Marble in such part as the town pays the ministers rates in.

Sold to Nathan Stevens Jr. half an acre of land on the east side of the land which was Lt. Stevens he not prejudicing any way now in use, and he paying after the rate of thirty shillings per acre, and Sgt. Stevens and Sgt. Bridges are to lay it out.

Sold to Robert Eimes of Boxford eight thousand short shingles in the cedar swamp next the maple meadow he paying one shilling and six pence to the town per thousand all the said shingles to be old stuff already fallen down, by eight thousand short shingles is meant stuff to make them of and cpl. Ephraim Stevens to take a view of them and make return thereof to the selectmen.

Voted and passed that a committee be chosen to appoint the several inhabitants that shall belong to the several sheep commons granted to the several parts of the town and to state the bounds of it and as to others that may hereafter settle within the said precincts.

Capt. Bradstreet, Capt. Osgood, Capt. Chandler, Lt. Barker, Christopher Osgood, Deacon John Frie, John Abbot Sr. are appointed for a committee for the end abovesaid and are empowered accordingly.

The particular grants of land and meadows granted to William Chandler.

granted to him ten acres of land on the hill on the south side of his house, five acres whereof was granted to William Ballard, for a house lot and four acres to himself for his house lot and one acre for his new field division bounded on the west with the house lot of Andrew Allen, on the southwest with a great red oak on the southeast with a white oak and on the east with the land of Mr. Dane, on the northeast corner with a stump.

Granted to him seventeen acres of land for his division land above little Hope bridge bounded on the north with a brook and a high red oak stump, on the west with a hill, on the south with a great clump of rocks, close by the river and on the east with Shawshin river.

Granted to him two acres and a half of meadow: on the south side of Shawshin river against Bilrekey meddows, between the meadow which was John Remington's and the meadow of George Abbot Senior.

Granted to him all the meadow between George Abbot Sen. and the brook which runs out of the meadow of Andrew Foster in the east of Shawshin River, with all the meadow on the south side of that brook from the river to a clump of asps, where the brook and the upland meet, with the meadow on the north side of that brook from the river to the where the brook and the upland meet with a bit of meadow on the east side of Shawshin River against Pole Hill. All these parcels are granted for three acres and a half be it more or less.

Att a Gen'l towne meeting ye 3d of March 1689:90
Left. John Barker was chosen moderator for this psent meeting.

The towne order for ye year ensuing were read att this meeting & ye returne of ye committee about dividing the sheep commons:

Sold to Walter Wright all the land he hath fenced in more then his due (which ye Committee appointed for that end) judged to be three quarters of an acre, he paying to the use of ye town after ye rate of thirty shillings an acre, within a twelve month and to pay fifteen pence for a year for every year since he hath fenced it, tell this time that he hath bought it which he owms to be five year.

Granted to John Marstone and Nathan Steevens junr: libertie to improve eight or tenn acres of upland upon he bear hill, leaving ye same in english stuble and sowing it sufficiently with english hay seed at ye end of ye term of seaven years, the time to begin from ye date hereof: and to use noe fencing timber about it but what grows upon ye land they fence in, but to take none of ye common for that end.

Graunted libertie to William Lovejoy & Saml Preston to improve tenn acres of land upon he top of he hill on ye left hand of ye way leading from sd Lovejoy his house to towne, and to have it seaven years from ye date hereof, as ye above sd. John Marstone & Nathan Steevuns have it soe to sowe it with english hay seed sufficiently as aforesd.

Sold to Robert Grey a parcell of land he formerly bought of ye towne but not being able to pay for it he resigned it up to towne, and has now bought it again, & Saml Holt hath engaged to pay five pounds a year for three years in such pay as the towne usually sells land for.

George Abbott senr is Grand jury man for ye year ensuing.

John Osgood junr was chosen jury man for trials for ye year ensuing.

Att a lawful Towne meeting this 5th of January 1690:
Left. John Barker was chosen moderator for this meeting:

Capt. Thomas Chandler, Left John Barker, Serjnt Jno Chandler, John Abbott senr, & Henry Holt were chosen select men for ye year ensuing.

George Abbott junr is chosen constable for ye year ensuing & alsoe William Johnson is likewise chosen Constable for ye year ensuing.

Vote, ye deputy now in being shall goe noe more to the Genll court as a deputy tell there be a new choise according to law: unless upon his own account.

Sold to Nathan Stevens junr. half an acre of land adjoining to ye north part of ye land formerly belonging to his father Left Jno Steevens & so joined to ye land of Richard Barker senr, ye wood that is now growing upon it to be free for ye neighborhood: he ye sd Nathan paying to ye towne within a twelve month fifteen shillings.

Sold to Joseph Emery one acre of land adjoining to ye Northeast part of ye land he bought of Capt Bradstreet, he paying to ye towne within a twelve month thirty shillings as man used to pay that (torn) land of ye towne.

Sold to William Abbott thirty rods of ground on ye west side of the land he formerly owned Edward Whittington: he not judging any way, & paying within a twelve month for it the rate of thirty shillings per acre:

Sold to Joseph Robinson half an acre of swamp lying on ye west side of ye land he formerly crossed out and had substituted) of ye towne, he paying fifteen shillings to ye use within a twelve month.

Voted and passed that the selectmen for this year shall give warrant to ye constables to collect ye several sums, due from delinquent persons, brought to ye towne by ye committee appointed to inspect such as have incroached upon ye towne common or carried any timbe out of ye towne contrary to towne orde, and alsoe they are to give orders to have all fence putted up upon ye common land: and to improve what money sd selectmen receive, for ye common use.

Voted and passed that in case ye inhabitants bring not in their pportion of wood to ye minister for this last year, & what was formerly due, by ye next towne meeting, ye selectmen shall orde ye constables by warrant unde their hands, to distreine upon each delinquent after ye rate of three shillings per load, & provide said wood themselves out of said fines, ye remainder to be to ye use of ye towne.

Att a lawfull towne meeting this 2d of March 1690:91

Captain John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting-

Voted that there shall be but one towne meeting in a year (except upon urgent occasion) and that meeting to be ye first Munday in March yearly.

Voted that a committee be chosen for ye new setting of ye meeting house.

Voted yet ye above sd committees for setting ye meeting house, be Capt. Dudley Bradstreet, Capt Jn^o Osgood, Richard Barker sen^r: Left Jn^o Barker, Deacon John ffrie, & oe Reverend elders, Mr. Dane and Mr. Barnard are desired to joyne with sd committee, for ye end above sd.

Sold to Mr. Andrew Peters a parcell of land as it shall appear by measure for thirty shillings ye acre, sd land to lye on ye north side of Capt Chandler lloft and joining to ye westerly side of some of Carpll Thomas Johnson land: soe on a straight line from Walter Wright northly bounds to ye lower end of sd Corp. Johnsons swamp.

William Lovejoy was chosen Grand jury man for ye ensuing year:

Serjnt Henry Ingalls was chosen for ye jury of trials for ye year ensuing:

Whereas ye committee for passing of graunts, formerly graunted and ye grants lost, or carelessly entered, ye most of them being dead, ye towne have chosen Capt Dudley Bradstreet, Capt. Thomas Chandler, Left John Barker, Deacon John ffrie, & Corp^l Thomas Johnson to make a new committee, being impowered as ye sd committee was att first.

Voted and passed that Left Christopher Osgood, Serjnt John Chandler, Corp^l Johnson & Henry Molt, be a committee to vieue and measure out soe much land of Benjamin Abbotts, (according to his desire) as shall be beneficial for ye corn mill & for ye iron works intended to be set up there and to

lay soe much to him ye sd Benjamin Abbott in a parcell of Comm between ye land of Saml Wardwell & ye Thomas Carrier.

Sold to Richard Barker jun^r seaven thousand of shingles out of the farthermost cedar swamp, ye meaning is short shingles, and to pay to the towne within a twelve month one shilling & six pence per thousand.

Sold to Quartermaster Moses Tyler eight thousand of short shingles in ye same swamp and att ye same prise.

Voted that whereas Corp^l Joseph Robinson hath lost ye return of ye bounds of his twenty acres of land granted by ye towne, ye towne have appointed Left Jn^o Barker & Corp^l Thomas Johnson to review ye bounds, and to make return under their hands:

Sold to Andrew ffoster three quarters of an acre of land out of that land which Sam^l Preston had formerly fenced out of ye common, the Lott layers to lay it out.

Voted and passed that ye proprietors in wades meadow shall have libertie to fence in sd meadow acrossse the neck of land from Goodman Barkers spong & soe by ye west side of bullrush meadows to ye cedar swamp, and on ye north side of wades meadow brook soe far as sd: meadow goes, and in case att ye end of tenn years this fence prove prejudiciall to he towne, if ye towne soe oder it shall be thrown up again to ye common; this sd fence yearly to be layd open by ye middle of August, on that side next to ye towne, and all cattle that shall be taken within sd fence (when it is in good repair) either proprietors or others shall be lyable to be impounded by any inhabitant

Sold to Quartermaster ffrie a parcell of land on each side of his house by his fence side, part of which he hath already fenced, he paying to ye towne after ye rate of thirty shillings per acre, the lott layers to measure it and make return of it.

Att a lawful towne meeting this 7th of March 16⁹ $\frac{1}{2}$
Left John Barker was chosen moderator for this meeting-

Capt Dudley Bradstreet, Serjnt Jn^o Chandler, Serjnt Jn^o Aslebee, John Abbott & Corp^l Sam^l ffrie were chosen selectmen for ye year ensuing.

Timothy Osgood is chosen Constable for ye North end of towne for ye year insuing for ye South end of ye towne for ye year insuing & both for ye whole towne.
John Bullard was chosen Constable

Quartermaster James ffrie is chosen grand juryman for ye year insuing.

Sold to Daniel poor an acre and twenty rods of land lying on ye north side of ye way leading to his house, and lying alsoe betwixt ye east end of his owne land & ye west end of Farnums, he paying to ye towne after ye rate of thirty shillings per acre in wheat & Indian come in equal proportions.

Sold to William Abbott twenty two rods more as an addition to ye thirty rods which he had ye last year he paying proportionately as for ye other thirty rods.

Granted libertie to Sam^l Marble to lay down about an acre & half land upon ye west side of his lott and to take up soe much joining to Serjnt Steevens his land, and what Srjnt Steevens & Serjnt Jn^o Bridges have formerly measured to sd marble to stand good, they to be a-se-ener of ye goodness of ye land & he paying ye overpluse to ye towne and per seers pay for which is more then sd layd down.

Voted and passed that ye Capt Thomas Chandler Corp^{ll} Ta _____ nson Serjnt Jn^o Bridges Walter Wright, & Joseph Marble be a com _____ to _____ ke an account of such as hath incroached upon ye towne commons, are hereby impowered & required to pull up all fence they shall find standing upon ye common, keeping a true account of what they doe herein and make report of it to ye towne, whoe will pay them for their pains, out of what they shall find so incroached or illegally fenced in.

Sold to John Steevens an acre & half of swampy ground joyning upon ye southeast corner of ye widdowe Steevens her land and ye southwest corner of ye great division of ye John Steevens he paying within a year thirty shillings per in wheat and Indian corne:

Voted and passed that ye committee abovesd shall inspect all shingles made or to be made in ye cedar swamp or else where in oe bounds. & all boards or other timbe wrought or unwrought (except what ye towne hath excepted) are to be sold out of towne or are sold without leave and to seise such shingles, boards or timber & to prosecute ye offenders att ye law either by themselves or by an attorney, & ye towne to satisfie for ye same.

Sold to John Carleton half an acre of land on ye south side of his land he paying after he rate of thirty shillings ye acres as others doe.

Graunted libertie to Joseph Lovejoy to change two acres of land on ye north side ye land he bought of he towne & lay it on ye south side of his land.

Sold to John Parker an acre and half of swampy land at ye southeast corner at his land he paying to ye towne within a year after ye rate of thirty shillings in wheat and Indian corne;

Graunted libertie to Capt Tho Chandler to take a parcell of swamp land in ye Col^epitt swamp betwixt ye highway and a parcell of meadowe formerly graunted to Mr. Edmund Faulkner & now in possession of Hopedil Tyler not exceeding two acres for sd swamp being for an acre and three quarter of meadowe, which he says is yet due to him;

Quartermaster James ffrie to joyn with Corp^{ll} Johnson for ye measuring of sd swamp & alsoe to measure what Capt Chandler layd down to ye towne att ye lower end of his lot, and what he took up in lue thereof on ye south side of his barn, and make report thereof to ye towne the next town meeting.

The p'ticular grants of land and (torn) granted to John ffrye jun granted to him fower acre house lott and the divisions together belonging to it: together with the street land: all which is bounded on the east side with the land of John ffry sen^o: on the north with the highway that goeth into the great swamp: and a little walnut tree marked on the northeast corner: by the land of Andrew Allen: and on the northwest corner with a stake on the southwest corner with a elme: bounded with a white oake on the southwest: and on the southeast with a black oake by Boston now way.

Sold to James Bridges two acres of land on ye south side of Richard Barker jun his house & on ye south side of ye way by sd Barker his house he paying within a year thirty shillings per acre, ye one half wheat ye other half Indian corne.

Voted that what land Quartermaster ffrie hath taken in out of ye Common, as his fence now stands, shall be valued by ye committee above sd to ye utmost extent & he to make payment to ye towne as others doe yt buy land, he promising not to transgress in ye like kind for ye future.

Sold to Benjamin Steevens a slip of land which he has fenced in on ye west side of some land formerly graunted to Ralph ffarnum, paying as others doe, ye committee above sd to measure it: sd committee to value sd land

Att a generall towne meeting ye 6th of ffeb 1692:93

Left John Barker was chosen moderator for this meeting:

Graunted to those men on ye west side of Shawshin River, ye libertie of a burying place, of an acre of land by ye way side near he head of a place called Rowells folly: provided they fence it handsomely against swine and other creatures within a year from ye date hereof: serjnt John Chandler, Joseph Marble to measure sd land:

Left Thomas Johnson & Joseph Steevens are appointed to view a parcell of land Corp^{ll} Sam ffrie would change with ye towne for a convenience of a way to ye meadows that way and to take up another piece ~~as~~ much in quantity & they to judge of the value and make report to ye town att ye next towne meeting:

Sold to John Steevens an acre & half of land joyning upon ye south east side of John Gutterson his land he paying within a twelve month, to ye select men or their order as the towne usually sells land.

Graunted to Corp^{ll} Samⁱ ffrie libertie to improve six acres of upland for seaven years, on ye south side of ye pine swamp going into Nicholas Holts meadowss, & att ye end of sd seaven years to sowe it sufficiently with English hay seed, & to harrowe it in, not leaving it in Indian hills, but then to throw it up again to ye Common

Graunted libertie to Left Johnson & Ebenezer Barker ye benefit of Shawshin stream (against sd Barkers land) for ye erecting of a fulling mill

Sold to Andrew ffoster an acre of land which he has taken already into fence he paying thirty shillings in corne within a year

Att a lawfull towne meeting at Andover ye 6th of March 169²/₃

Left Christopher Osgood was chosen ye moderator of ye day:

Capt Dudley Bradstreet was chosen Town Clerk for ye yeare ensueing

Capt Dudley Bradstreet, Capt Osgood & Andrew Peeters, John Chandler, and Christopher Osgood are chosen select men for the year ensueing

Benjamin Stevens & William Abbott were chosen constables for the year ensueing

Ephraim Stevens was chosen clerk of ye market for ye year ensueing

Left John Barker was chosen commissioner for the assessments for the year ensueing

Corp^{ll} George Abbott was chosen sealer of Leather for ye year ensueing

Henry Hoult sen^r and Francis Dane were chosen surveyors for the south end of the town for the year ensueing

Ephraim Stevens & John Osgood Jun^r were chosen surveighers for the north end of the town

Ensign Samuel Martin, Corner Natha Stevens, Hope-Still Tiler & Walter Wright sen^r were chosen lithering men for the year ensueing

Stephen Parker & Timothy Osgood, Abraham ffoster, Joseph Wilson, Samuel Phelps & Joseph Marble sen^r are chosen fence vieweres for ye year ensueing

Granted to John Cromwell so much land in the street near the widow Esther Stevensis as is sufficient to build a shop on, and the land to be the towns when he deserts or moves out of ye town.

Granted liberty to Sam^l ffrie to exchange a corner of land on the northerly corner of his land for the convenience of a highway for the neighborhood and to take up so much on the southeast corner of his own land he takeing up no more than he layes down

Granted liberty to Benjamin ffrie to exchange a corner of land on the northeast corner of his land of about half an acre for the convenience of a high way and to take up so much by measure on the north west corner of his land.

Granted liberty to John ffarnum sen^r and Timothy Osgood to improve ten acres of land on the north side of the Mill river between Thomas Abbotts and John Osgoods land so as it may not interrupt the Road of the catell to that part of ye common and to use it seaven years, that is seven-crops, and then to leave it sowed well with english seed grass and to fence it with the timber and wood that grows on sd ground, and not to take any fencing stuff off the common.

Sold to James Bridges, three acres of land, lying and joyning southerly & westerly off that land he bought of the town last year he paying the town thirty shillings ye acre according to usuall manner:

Sold to William Chandler 3 times, a parcell of land which is a lane between two parcells of land that was his fathers to pay the town thirty shillings per acre for what it appears to be according to usually manner.

Granted to Sam^l Blancherd a corner of land adjoyning to his line near his meadow, the southeast corner for allowance for a hgh way that goes through his land so much by measure as the highway takes out of his and the Lott layers to allow for quality as they shall judge meet:

Sold to Walter Wright half an acre of land adjoyning to the land he bought of Stephen Johnson in the Rail swamp, he paying to the town after thirty shillings per acre according to the usuall manner.

Granted liberty to William Blunt to improve an acre of land adjoyning to his own land and to improve it seven years, then to sowe it well with english grass seed and to lay it open to the common, and to fence with what wood grows upon it.

Sold to Robert Gray an acre of land where his barn stands so as it prejudice no highway, he paying thirty shillings in corn to the town within one year or els the land to return to the town.

Granted liberty to Will^m Abbott to exchange one acre of land he bought of Samuel Hutchinson which is for the making room for a high way to Joseph Ballards which is a great convenience to the neighborhood as was made appear; and to take sd acre of land on the east side of his land he bought of Edward Whittington.

Sold to Samuel Preston a round small swamp, between the old sawmill of Abraham ffoster & Thomas Russell of about an acre or somewhat more, to pay to the town after the rate of 30 shillings per acre for what it shall appear to be by measure, and to pay as is usuall within a year or els the land to return to the town.

Sold to Abraham More 3 adres of land at the south end of his own land adjoyn- ing to it, he paying thirty shillings per acre within one year in corn; and in case of nonpayment the land to return to the town.

as attest John Osgood Clerk for that day

Att the town meeting legally warned ye 27th of March 1693

Capt. John Osgood was chosen moderator.

It was voted and passed that the select men for this year shall have power to make such oders, as respect the welfare of the town in all respects and may and shall sue by themselves or by an attorney, any person that doth any damage upon the common, in carrying timber out of town, or fencing in any of the town land, and any other act that is conducable to the good of the town.

Att a lawfull towne meeting ye 1st of January 169³/₄

Capt. Thomas Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting:

Voted and passed that what farther improvement can be made in the meeting house for ye building of seats, shall be forthwith done according to ye direction of ye comitee hereafter mentioned:

Voted and passed that Capt Dudley Bradstreet, serjnt Ephraim Steevens, Left Thomas Johnson, Thomas Osgood, & Mr Andrew Peeters, be a comttr for ye abovesid work:

According to ye request of Billireca selectmen, to ye selectmen of Andover (which they referred to ye town of Andover) bearing date ye 20th of November 1693 sd town of Andover: have ordered Capt Dudley Bradstreet Serjnt Joseph Ballard and John Abbott sen to attend Billirica men if they see cause to come upon a former agreement & desire ye selectmen to inform Billirica selectmen of ye same.

Graunted libertie to John Carleton to change half an acre of land on ye east side or end of his house, & to take soe much on ye northwest corner of his house joyning to his other land

Sold to Benjamin Abbott an acre of land joying to ye north end of his land he paying ye usuall prise and not damnifieing any way.

Voted and Passed that every Householder shall yearly carry Mr. Dane a load of wood, upon ye penalty mentioned in an order in January in 1690. And these are ye persons which agree to this art.

Dudley Bradstreet
Thomas Chandler sen^r
Andrew Peeters
Thomas Johnson
Joseph Ballard
Ephraim Steevens
John Chandler
George Abbott sen^r
Edward Phelps
William Johnson
Henry Gray
Joseph Robinson
Francis Dane
Joseph Chandler

Sold to serjnt Ephraim Steevens an acre of land on ye east side of his land which was formerly in ye possession of Thomas Poor

Capt Chandler is dismiss from beeing a lottlayer, & Joseph Steevens is appointed & chosen in his room.

Serjnt Ephraim Steevens & Mr. Andrew Peters are joynd to ye Comittee to agree with serjnt Ballard & John Ballard about ye mill on Shawshin River & to meet for ye affair ye first munday in February next at ye tavern

Sold to Serint Joseph Ballard half an acre of land where his new house now stands upon and joyning to ye east side of ye land ye towne graunted to ye grist & fulling mill upon Shawshin River not to prejudice any common way.

Att a lawfull towne meeting this 5th of March 1693:94

Left Christopher Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting

Capt. Dudley Bradstreet was chosen towne clerk for ye year ensuing

Mr. Andrew Peeters, John Abbot sen^r: Quartermaster James ffrie Samuel Blanchard sen^r & John Osgood were chosen selectmen for ye year ensuing, and overseers for ye poor:

Left John Barker was chosen comissioner for ye year ensuing

Richard Barker & Henry Holt sen^r: were chosen constables for ye year ensuing

Serjnt Ephraim Steevens, & Joseph Steevens, Corp^{ll} George Abbott: & William Lovejoy are chosen serveighers for ye year ensuing:

Serjnt Jn^o Aslebe & Serint Jn^o Bridges & ffrancis Dane & Nehemiah Abbott are chosen titheing men for ye year ensuing

Corp^{ll} Saml Osgood & Benjamin Barker are chosen ffence viewers for ye north end of ye towne for ye year ensuing and William Johnson & William Chandler jnr are chosen fence viewers for ye south end of ye towne for ye year ensuing:

Serjnt Ephraim Steevens is chosen clerk of ye market for ye next year

Corp^{ll} George Abbott is chosen leather sealer for ye year ensuing

Benjamin Steevens Sam^l: Marble John Marstone jun^r Jn^o: Ballard Benjamin Abbott & Jn^o: Steevens are chosen Howards or feild drivers for ye year ensuing.

Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for ye year ensuing for ye north end of ye towne.

William Johnson is chosen pound keeper for ye south end of ye towne for ye year ensuing.

Benjamin Steevens & John Ballard are chosen to inquire of ye clerk what horses are entered to goe upon ye common.

Voted & passed that whereas severall of Boxford & other places have illegally, taken severall trees out of ye towne bounds that sd persons shall be prosecuted att ye law ye next inferior court of comon pleas in this county; or as soon as may be:

Serjnt John Bridges was chosen together wth Serjnt: John or either of them Aslebe to sue any such persons, by themselves or by an attorney, or to compound and agree with sd persons always having respect to oe towne ordr about (missing)



Graunted libertie to James Bridges his three acres of land he bought of ye towne ye last March to lye as ye lott layers have layd it out:

Graunted libertie to Joseph & Benjamin Steevens a parcell of land for convenicy of fencing their meadowe on ye north side of their wades meadowe;

Graunted to John Aslebe twenty or thirty rods of land att ye east end of his home lott for his conveniency of fencing, for which he is to pay in money according to the usuall price:

Voted that Capt. Chandler be added to ye committe for ye seating of ye meeting house & that they goe upon that work this week Capt Bradstreet having protested against haveing anything to doe with it:

Graunted to Capt: Chandler all ye wood upon ware hill, both great & small within ye bounds allotted there, for a sheep comon & he to cutt five hundred cord per annum: from ye date hereof tell ye whole sd sheep comon be cleared: & alsoe ye sd Capt: Chandler shall imply ye north end of ye towne in cutting sd wood provided they be willing or any other if they refuse & alsoe sd north end of ye towne, to cart ye coal made of sd wood att four shillings in money per load, which if they refuse it shall be in ye libertie of sd Chandler to provide others: he sd Chandler to allowe for cutting & cording sd wood eighteen pence per cord in money, they cutting sd wood to ye acceptation of ye Colliers, or as is usuall, provided this shall not hindre any from cutting fire wood or timber there in the mean time

Andov^r Att a legall towne meeting ye 19th of March 1693 / 4

Instructions for ye selectmen for ye year insuing were as follows: that they should make such orders to be confirmed at ye quarter sessions, as shall tend to ye welfare of ye towne & especially concerning timber: any inhabitants bringing strange cattle upon oe comon, & w^telse they shall judge to conduce to ye welfare of ye towne; this was voted and passed ye day above sd:

Att a legall towne meeting ye 30th of July 1694

Mr. Andrew Peeters was chosen Treasurer for ye towne:

Capt: Thomas Chandler, Deacon Jn^o ffrie, & Jn^o: Abbott was chosen Assesors for ye year ensuing.

Att a lawful towne meeting ye 7th January 1694/5

Left: John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting:

Graunted libertie to serjnt: Jn^o Aslbee that he may run his fence on ye southeast side of his home meadowe straight, provided that ye ground he takes in, be annually free for feed of ye neighborhood after he has mowed, his grass, & taken care of his hay:

Graunted and sold to Left: John Barker two partells of swamp land one lying upon rose meadowe brook near ye land of Cornet Steevens ye other parcell on ye northwest side of sd land, about twenty rod distant from it, he paying ye usuall price & on(?) time.



Given to ye Widdowe Esther Steevens a parcell of swamp containing about half or three quarters of an acre lying on the south side of her home meadowe, she not prejudicing ye highway

Graunted libertie to Jn^o Russ Sene to take up a parcell of land on ye east side of his owne land containing about ten or twelve acres, he laying down to ye sheep comon of ye west side of Shawshin River, two acres for every one he takes up:

Sold to Nathan Steevens jun^r: an acre of land lying upon ye north & north-east of his owne land, he paying ye usuall price, & att ye time usuall.

Voted that whosoever shall catch any wofe & carry ye head to the constable as ye law directs, shall have of ye towne twenty shillings in pay, & this act to continue for two years, from ye date hereof & for ye time past tenn shillings apiece for each wof that hath not been yet payd for:

Voted yf whereas there was a comittee chosen att a meeting ye 7th March 1691/2 for takeing an account of such persons whoe had incroached upon ye towne comon, & alsoe to name sd incroachments, & to make report thereof under their hands to the towne, & sd comittee failing to bring their account, they are hereby required to perfect & bring in their account att ye nex towne meeting which will be in March next:

Voted & passed y^f ye towne will forthwith as soone a conveniently they can, shingle ye south side of ye roof of Mr Barnards barn with long shingles:

Sold a parcell of land to George Abbott jun^r: containing about two cares or w^f shall appear by measure, sd land lying betwixt land of sd Abbott & ye land of John ffarnum jun^r: he paying ye towne, as others doe for time & specie: ye wood free for any man

Saml: Blanchard Quartermaster James ffrie: Serjnt: Ephraim Steevens are chosen a comittee for ye building some seats in ye meeting house and to gett ye work finished by ye 1st day of May next: ye towne to pay for ye same:

Att a lawful towne meeting ye 7th (4th?) of March 1694/5

Samuel Blanchard was chosen moderator for this meeting

Mje Dudley Bradstreet was chosen towne clerk

Maj^e: Dudley Bradstreet Left: John Osgood, Quartermaster James ffrie John Abbott sen^r: Serjnt: Ephraim Steevens are chosen selectmen for ye year ensuing: John Carleton & William Lovejoy were chosen constables for ye year ensuing: Serjnt: Ephraim Steeven Joseph Steevens Serjnt: George Abbott and William Lovejoy Henry Holt & Stephen Parker are chosen serveighors for ye year ensuing: Ensigne Martin Nathaniell Dane Benjamin Abbott & William Chandler jun^r: are chosen tything men for ye year ensuing.



ffrancis Dane Joseph Marble Nathan Steevens jun^r: & Samuel Marble are chosen ffence viewers for ye year ensuing:

Serjnt: Ephraim Steevens was chosen clerk of ye market for the year ensuing:

Serjnt: George Abbott is chosen leather sealer for ye year ensuing:

The Hawards chosen ye last year are chosen again for ye year ensuing:

Benjamin Barker & William Johnson are chosen pound keepers for ye year ensuing:

Mr: Andrew Peeters is chosen treasurer for ye year ensuing:

Left: John Barker John Chandler, & Joseph Steeves are chosen as a standing committee to take care to keep ye meeting house in good repair, & to hire suitable workmen for that end, & to give their accounts yearly to ye select men, whoe shall order ye treasurer to pay them, they putting money or moneys work into ye treasurers hand to enable him thereto:

Sold to Richard Barker Benjamin Barker & Sam^l: Hutchinson eight acres in ye wolf swamp next to Richard Barkers land if there be soe much there, they paying within a year thirty shillings an acre in good merchantable corne, or twenty shillings an acre in money, to ye select men or their order; the wood is to be free for any, tell they have cleared and closed said land:

Voted that whereas Serjt: Aslbee had a graunt ye last towne meeting for the fencing of his home meadowe with as strait a line as he could make provided he flung up his fence after he had carried off his hay: that act is made voide: & he has libertie to fence as aforesd without that reservation, but not to lay claime to sd land as his owne, but ye townes land:

Sold to John Graunger & ffrancis ffaulkner a parcell of lowe land on ye west side of Shawshin River & butting upon sd river & on ye south north west upon their owne land: & sd ffaulkner & Graunger are joy(ned) & generally bound to pay within a year thirty shillings in merchantable corne, or twenty shillings money, to ye selectmen or their ord^r:

Sold to John Parker a parcell of swamp land att ye northeast corner of his land, he paying for each acre as abovesd:

Sold to Benjamin Steevens & John Marstone jun^r: ye swamp at ye uper end of balld meadowe, they paying for time & specie as abovesd: viz (?) only swamp is sold them & noe upland except an island in ye swamp:

~~Sold to serjnt Joseph Ballard six acres of land joyning~~ this crost was made voide & soe declared before it was fully entered:



Graunted libertie to Corp^l Sam^l: Osgood John Abbott jun^r: Thomas Abbott sen^r: Joseph Chandler & Henry Chandler to sett up a saw mill upon Cochicawick River about 3 or 4 rods above ye lower foord ye graunt is upon these conditions & with these restrictions following (i.e.) that they doe not stop ye passage of ye fish called alewives in ye season of them, nor damage any mans land, nor cutt any timber of from ye common but what they shall sell to ye inhabitants of ye towne:

Sam^l: Ingalls was chosen grandjury man for ye quarter sessions att Ipswitch ye last Tuesday in this march:

Andrew ffoster & William Chandler tertius were chosen to be upon ye jury of tryalls att ye inferior court of pleas att Ipswitch ye last Tuesday of this march.

Att a lawfull towne meeting ye 6th of May 1695.

Serjt: Ephraim Steevens was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Sam^l Blanchard sen^r: Left: John Barker, Deacon Joseph Steevens Left: John Osgood & Corp^l: Steven Parker are chose for a comittee for ye seating of ye meeting house forthwith: alsoe Henry Holt sen^r, & John Abbott sen^r: are added to this comittee for ye end abovesd:

Att a lawful towne meeting ye 6th of January 169⁵/₆

Left: John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted and passed that from henceforth there shall be noe land sold to any person whatsoever, but ye purchase shall pay downe the sum in money as ye towne & sd purchaser shall agree upon-

Ye comittee appointed for ye looking after ye incroachment of particular persons upon ye common made their return this day to ye towne which ye towne accepted of, & a memorandū taken of ye persons & sums for direction to ye selectmen for ye demanding ye same & Capt: Thomas Chandler being desirous to be released from said work by reason of his age Left: Jn^o Chandler is placed in his roome & sd comittee are desired to prosecute sd business tell they have gone through the whole towne:

Sold to Henry Ingalls jun^r: a quarter of an acre of land on ye east side of ye way against his house to be layd out by ye lott layers, he having paid 8 money for ye same by Mr: Andrew Peeters.

Sold to Serjt: Ephraim Steevens thirty rods of land on ye southend of his land he hath on ye west side of ye way he having payd 48: for ye same to ye Treasurer.

Graunted a parcell of land on ye west side of Shawshin River being incompassed with ye land of Thomas Johnson, Abraham More James ffrie: and several others, sd land containing about thirty or forty acres, ye said land to lye perpetually for a sheep comon for that part of ye towne.



Graunted libertie to Joseph Lovejoy & Serjt: Sam^l: ffire ye use of tenn acres of land lying upon ye west side of ye hill, behind ye Widdowe Holts & on ye east side of ye pine hole, to improve for seaven years & then to leave it in English stubble, & sowe it sufficiently with english grass seed, & to take noe timb^r: for ye ffencing ye same but what growes upon sd land.

Graunted libertie to Left: John Osgood to change four acres of swamp land he bought of ffrancis ffaulkner & to joyne it to his owne land northerly or northwesterly, ye lott layers to lay out ye same & to review ye bounds of sd ffrancis ffaulkners land, & returne ye same into ye towne records.

Whereas formerly there was appointed three men for the laying out of sixty acres of land to Mr. Barnard, out of that fourscore acres which John Johnson sen^r changed with the towne, & one of sd persons being dead & another infirme the towne has appointed Deacon Joseph Steevens, Left: John Chandler, & Left: Tho: Johnson to lay out sd land according to ye graunt.

Sold to Henry Chandler an acre of swamp land lying across the head of crane meadowe from upland to upland, he having payd for ye same.

Given to Lawrence Lacy about an acre or three quarters of an acre of swamp land on ye west side of Jacks hill, bounded round with ye upland:

Att a lawfull towne meeting ye 2nd of March 169⁵/₆

Left: John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Maj^r: Dudley Bradstreet was chosen clerk for ye year ensuing:

Maj^r: Dudley Bradstreet, Left: John Osgood, Capt: Christopher Osgood, Left John Chandler, & Mr. Andrew Peeters were chosen selectmen for ye year ensuing:

Serjnt William Chandler & Serjnt Samuel Osgood was chosen constables for ye year insuing:

Serjnt: Ephraim Steevens, Deacon Joseph Steevens, Corp^{ll}: Stephen Parker, Serjnt George Abbott, & Serjnt: William Lovejoy, & Henry Holt are chosen serveigh^{rs} for ye year ensuing:

Quartermaster James ffrie, Corp^{ll}: Benjamin Barker, Thomas Chandler jun^r: & Henry Holt sen^r: are chosen thything men for year ensuing:

Timothy Osgood, Samuel Hutchinson, Corp^{ll}: Benjamin Abbott & Nehemiah Abbott were chosen fence viewers for ye year ensuing.



Serjnt Ephraim Steevens was chosen clerk of ye market for ye year ensuing:

Serjnt George Abbott is chosen leather sealer for ye year ensuing:

The persons appointed in ye year 93:94 are chosen again for hawards or field drivers for ye year ensuing

Benjamin Barker & William Johnson are chosen pound keepers for ye year ensuing:

Mr: Andrew Peeters is chosen towne treasurer for the year ensuing:

ordered & voted yt whereas the Comittee for incroachments returned Quarter master James ffrie, a delinquent (& ye select men had given ord^r to ye Towne Treasurer to gather ye money for ye same), that ye selectmen for ye time being call sd ord^r in againe: he having made it appear a mistake

The instructions for ye selectmen were ye same that was voted in ye year 1693, & voted and passed this meeting.

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Graunted libertie to Ralph ffarnum to change a small parcell of swamp he hath lying upon Boston brook, to lay soe much on ye north end of his owne land, ye lottlayers to lay it out

Graunted libertie to Nathaniel Abbott to lay down one acre of land on ye east side of his land, and to take soe much on ye north side of his land, betwixt his owne land & ye pine tree not prejudicing ye high way

Sold to Ensigne Joseph Ballard five acres of land upon ye south east side of ye way by his house betwixt his house & Rogers brook, he has payd

Sold to Timothy Osgood eight rodds of ground upon ye north side of ye way, & on ye south side of his house: payd

Sold to Robert Grey two acres of land, on ye west side of ye last tenn acres he bought of ye Towne, about fourty rodds from sd land: payd:

Sold to Quartermaster James ffrie an acre of land, or w^t shall appear lying east of his owne land not pjudicing any way, Nathaniel Dane sen^r: & John Ingalls to lay out sd land



Att a lawfull Towne meeting this 4th of May 1696

Left Jn^o Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting

Voted and passed yt these tenn men herafter named shall have the libertie of
 . makeing a ware, for ye catching of fish in Merrinack River, att a place
 commonly called ye fishing place. against Major Bradstreet his ground:
 According to these terms ffolowing: (viz:) to sell to ye inhabitants shad
 att any prise, not exceeding twlve pence ye score, & ye inhabitants of
 this Towne to be supplied before strangers: Mr: Andrew Peeters Left: John
 Chandler, Left: Thomas Johnson, Serjt: John Aslebee: William Chandler
 sen^r: Walter Wright sen^r: Henry Holt sen^r: Andrew Foster, Thomas Osgood,
 & Daniel Bigsbie are ye sd tenn men, this abovesd ware to be erected and
 finished as soone, as ye stream will permitt, upon ye forfeiture of ye
 graunt

Graunted libertie, that Deacon Joseph Steevens haveing layd out some land he
 bought of Left: Thomas Johnson, and through a mistake, interfered upon ye
 land of Serjt: George Abbott, sd Steevens has libertie to new lay, ye
 westerly end of sd land: & to make returne of ye same to ye clerk:

Deacon Joseph Steevens Serjt: Sam^l: ffrie were chosen grand jury men to serve
 att ye Superior Court att Ipswich this osent month: And Corp^{ll} Hooker
 Osgood & Jn^o Ballard were chosen to serve upon ye jury of tryalls att ye
 abovesd court:

Capt Christopher Osgood was chosen Representantive for ye Towne for this year:

Att a lawfull meeting of ye Towne ye 3d day of August 1696

Capt: Christopher Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting

Serjt: John Aslbee Quart: mast: James ffrie & Jn^o fbbott sen^r: were chosen
 Assessors for ye tax of seaventy six pounds graunt (?) att ye Genl:
 Court, ye 27th of May 1696, but sd Assessors refuse to serve, soe yt ye
 selectmen, for this year are to be the Assessors, as ye law directs, &
 took their oaths as ye law directs this 2d of August 1696.

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Att a lawfull Towne meeting, January 4th 1697

Christopher Osgood was chosen clerk for this meeting

Left: John Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting:

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Sold to Joseph Osgood one acre of swamp land, lying on ye south side, att ye lower corner of Hooker Osgood's he leaveing out ye spring for a watering place he paying for the same according to ye usuall price, upon ye laying of it out, w^{ch} land is to be layd out by Andrew ffoster, and Nathaniell Abbott

Whereas Nathaniell Abbott, by the approbation of ye selectmen, and for his owne convenience hath sett his house on ye townes land: have granted him libertie to exchange one acre of land layeing down one acre of his land on ye southwest side of Walter Wrights swamp & to take up one acre of land where his house stands: w^{ch} land shall be layd downe, and layd out by Andrew ffoster & Walter Wright.

Sold to Quartermaster James ffrie, a small parcell of land joyneing on ye east side of ye land which he bought of Ensign Joseph Ballard; contayneing about a quarter, or half an acre more or less, he not enterrupting of a sufficient highway to ye claypits from William Chandlers lott, he payeing for the same according to usuall price, w^{ch} land shall be layd out by Nathaniell Dane & John Ingalls.

Sold to Andrew ffoster a small corner of land about half an acre, on ye north-east corner of his house, joyneing to his other land, he payeing to usuall price.

Sold to Leiu^t Benjamin Steevens, & Serjt. John Aslebee a small stripp of land adjoyneing to ye northwest end of their pasture next to the highway to ye meeting house, ? about half a rodd wide, or more, where it will bear not prejudiceing ye highway, for ye conveniency of setting up their fence in timber (?) land, they payeing for it proportionably according to usuall price.

Sold to Serjnt Sam^{ll} Osgood a small gore, or corn^r of land adjoyning on ye west end of his street pasture, between ye way y^t goes downe to Cocherchock ffield from ffrancis ffalkners and ye way y^t goes downe ffrom Capt Osgoods house, sd corn^r of land being supposed to be about an acre, or an acre & a half, which shall be layd out by ye lott layers, & he payeing for it, according to usuall price, according to usuall price, as ye quantity shall appear wⁿ it is layd out: not prejudiceing ye way to ye feild.

Sold to Henry Holt a corner of land adjoyneing on ye west side of his land, on ye north west corner to run a ?, not exceeding fourteens rodde westerly, and from thence to runn southerly till it meets with ye westerly line, not exceeding an acre and a half, to be forthwith layd out by ye lottlayers, and he payeing

for it according to usuall price so soone as it is layd out

Graunted to Leiut. John Barker ye liberty of a ffisheing place, on ye ffals on Merimake River about Shawshin ffeild, with liberty to take in others to joyne as Associates with him, in y^t affair, he selling his fish to ye townsemen before others, & att ye price they shall be sold att att ye other fishing place granted by ye towne

Branted to Joseph Wilson & Thoma. Abbott seaven acres of land for to improve for seaven year., to be layd out on ye east side of Cocheechok river, near ye land of John ffarnum & Timothy Osgood, w^{ch} they had on ye same account, they sowing it sufficiently with English hay seed att ye expired of seaven years, & then to be throwne up to comon, & they makeing use of ye wood, & timber, groweing upon sd land towards ye fencing of it soe farr as it will goe, & ye rest w^t shall be wanting, they shall have liberty of ye comon.

Sold to Serjt Goorg Abbott one acre of swamp land joyneing to ye northeast side of ye meadow he bought of his ffather Graves upon Rogers brook, he payeing ffor it according to usuall price.

Sold to Joseph Wilson a gore of land adjoyneing to ye southeast side of his pasture, by ye roade, toing (toeing?) out even with Leiut. Johnsons feild & runing a straight line to his other corner to a point there he payeing proportionably for w^t it shall be wⁿ layd out according to usuall use price

Sold to Nathan Steevens jun^r half an acre of land att ye northend of his land, to be layd out by ye lottlayers, he payeing for it to ye towne according to usuall price.

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Att a meeting of ye Towne legally warned ye 19th: January 169⁹₇
Serjnt: Sam^{ll}: ffrie was chosen moderator for this meeting:

Graunted libertie to Maj^r: John March of Newberry to take what timber is convenient for ye building of two vessels, not exceeding fifty tunn apeice, provided he build such vessels in Andover, and to use noe timber that is fitt for ye building of houses, of make of posts.

Voted and passed that ye vote in ye year 1689:90 referring to ye iron works is ratified & confirmed, with this addition, y^t any mine y^t may be found upon o^e Common shall be free for any man to digg & carry to sd works.

That vote relating to Maj^r: John March is to be understood to what timb^r: is to be felled & corted for sd vessels and all men shall ? ye benifit of, provided they will work with themselves & teems as reasonably as in other places they doe.

At a lawfull meeting of the town of Andover the 1st March 1696-7 Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Major Dudley Bradstreet, Capt. Christopher Osgood, Lt. John Osgood, Mr. Andrew Peeters and Lt. John Chandler were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Major Dudley Bradstreet was chosen town clerk for the year ensuing.

Mr. Andrew Peeters was chosen for town treasurer for the year ensuing.

Corpll. Samuel Ingalls, is chosen constable for the year ensuing.

William Blunt Sene. was chosen constable for the year ensuing.

Sgt. John Aslbee was chosen commissioner for assessments for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens, Deacon Joseph Stevens, fimothy Osgood, Francis Dane, Sgt. George Abbott and Henry Holt Sr. are chosen surveyers for the year ensuing.

Lt. Benjamin Stevens, John Bridges, Walter Wright Sr. and Joseph Marble Sr. are chosen tithing men for the year ensuing.

John Ingalls, Thomas Farnum, William Johnson, and Thomas Chandler were chosen fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

Corpll. Benjamin Barker, Corpll. William Johnson was chosen pound keepers for the year ensuing.

Sold to James Bridges one acre of land where his shop now stands he not damaging any way now in use as shall be judged by the neighborhood, he paying twenty shillings in money for it.

Sold to John Abbott Sr. two acres of land lying upon Rogers, his brook on the southeast of the land the town sold to Ensign Joseph Ballard, he having paid for it.

Sold to John Johnson an acre of land and half on the south side of the road to Topsfield and upon the east of Salem road and on the north of mosquito river, he having satisfied the town for it.

Whereas there was several persons bought land at the town meeting in January last past, the quantity unknown and said persons neglecting to lay out said parcels, the town ordered that they, said persons, lay out said land within a month after the date hereof and pay said money due for it to the town treasurer and if any particular persons be appointed to lay out land for any person and they refuse, the lot layers shall lay it out, and in case any neglect this order, they shall forfeit their grant and five shillings to the town.



Sold to Timothy Abbott a gore of land on the westerly end of his lot betwixt his lot and the land of William Elunt, he paying for the same as is usual in the town.

Sold to Corpll. Stephen Parker fourty rods of land by his house to make his fence straight, he having paid for it.

Granted liberty to Corpll. Benjamin Barker and Samuel Hutchinson the use of ten acres of land upon the wire hill for seven years and then to throw it up to the common, leaving it in English stubble and sufficiently sowne with English hay seeds.

Sold to Walter Wright Sen^e one acre of swamp land of the east side of the swamp he bought of Capt. Chandler which he hath paid for.

Sold to Sgt. William Lovejoy two acres of upland on the southeast of his own land, having paid for the same.

Sold to Sgt. George Abbott one acre of swamp land adjoining to the acre of swamp he bought of the town last January. He hath paid for it.

Sold to Joseph Ballard Jr. one acre of upland on the south side of his fathers lot. Payed.

That act relating to wolves made about two years ago, is continued for two years more.

Sold to Copl. Hooker Osgood one acre and half of land on the northwest corner of his lot not prejudicing any highway. Payd.

Sold to Robert Grey three acres of land on the southwest end of the land he bought of the town. Payd.

Granted liberty to Henry Grey to improve six acres of land for seven years and to fence it with the wood growing upon it and no other and at the end of ye term to sowe it sufficiently with English hay seed, leaving said ground in English stubble.

Granted to Capt. Christopher Osgood an acre and half of land on the east side of his land on the east side of Shawsheen on the right hand of the way going to his house, which is in full consideration of what damage he received in Sir Edmond Andros his time.

Granted to Lt. John Osgood an acre and half of land on the north of his land on that side of the way his barn stands on, in full satisfaction for damage his father received in Sir Ed Andros, his time, said Osgood to make satisfaction to any person concerned in his fathers estate. Neither of said Osgoods abovesd to prejudice any highway.

Granted to Richard Barker, Stephen Barker, Benjamin Barker and James Ingalls the benefit of a fishing place at a place called deer jump, upon the same terms the other fishing places are granted.

Sold to Ensigne Joseph Ballard an acre of land on the east end of the five acres he bought of the town.

Sergt. John Aslbee is chosen a lot layer in the roome of Lt. Thomas Johnson, his age calling for a writ of ease.

At a lawfull town meeting held January 3, 1697-8, Christopher Osgood was chosen clerk for this meeting.

Lt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for this day.

Sold to Thomas Chandler, Tertius, a small strip of land about half an acre or not exceeding three quarters lying at the north side of the way to Boston below goodman Blunts, he paid in money for it according to usual price.

Sold to John Frye a small corner of land lying on the north side of his home meadow, not interrupting the way lying over the Dam, in quantity about three quarters of an acre, he having paid for it in money according to usual price.

Sold to John Abbott a small lot of swamp land lying between Ens. Ballards land and some land that Abbott bought of the town the last year as is supposed to be about an acre or something more, having paid for it according to usual price.

Sold to Henry Ingalls jun^e one quarter of an acre of land lying on the east side of his house on the other side of the way adjoining the quarter of an acre he bought of the town before, he having paid for it in money according to the usual price.

Sold to Samuel Hutchinson half an acre of land for his conveniency of building, lying on the west side of Benjamin Barkers meadow, between that and the highway going to goodman Marstons from the mill, he having paid money for it according to usual price.

Sold to James Ingalls one acre and half of swamp land joining to Millers meadow on the northwest corner where the brook runneth into the meadow, he paying for it when it is laid out, in money according to usual price.

Granted to John Ballard liberty to exchange twoe (?) and an half acres of land, he laying down so much of that which he formerly had of goodman Abbott out of the east end of said land and to take it again joining upon the brook by his door, that which was formerly granted to his father for his swamp division.

Granted liberty to William Johnson to exchange three acres of land out of the west end of the land he had of Capt. Chandler and to take it up before Samuel Phelps house adjoining to Samuel Phelps his land.

Sold to Sgt. Samuel Frye half an acre of land joining to his house lying to the south end of his land, he paying for it in money according to usual price.

Sold to Sgt. George Abbut about an acre, or not exceeding an acre and half in two parcels. One parcel at the south end of his meadow on Rogers Brook, the other on the north end of the swamp he bought last year of the town.

Granted liberty to Nathan Stevens Jr. six acres of land to improve for seven years, lying on the east side of Benjamin Stevens his swamp, formerly called Jobs Folly, he sowing of it the seventh year with English hayseed according to former grants of that nature and then to throw it up again to the towns use.

Granted liberty to Joseph Osgood to improve six acres of land for seven years at the west end of his lot between that and the old clay pits, he sowing it sufficiently the seventh year with English hayseed and then to throw it up again to Common.

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The third part of the report details the findings of the study. It presents a comprehensive overview of the results, highlighting the key trends and patterns observed in the data. The author also discusses the implications of these findings for the field of study.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the main points and a list of references. This provides a clear and concise overview of the entire study, as well as a list of the sources used in the research.

At a lawful town meeting the 7th of March 1697-8, Lt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Col. Dudley Bradstreet and Mr. Andrew Peeters, Lt. John Chandler, John Abbott Sr. Sgt. Samuel Frye were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

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November in 1699 measured out for John Stevens twenty one acres and a half of land which he bought of John Russ Sr. lying three square bounded northerly with a pine tree and southerly with a maple stub and westward with a black oak the said land changed with the town for so much more that was laid out the same day which lieth on the west side of his home land beginning with a black oak tree marked which is the northeast corner and then running southeast seventy 72 two rods to a white oak tree marked, then forty six rods to a white oak westward marked and then northerly seventy eight rods to two fast (?) rocks and then thirty eight rods to the first black oak and from the black oak twenty rods east to a white oak tree marked and then southwest eighteen rods to a white oak marked then sixteen rods to the first black oak.

Joseph Stevens
John Aslbee

as he aught, but in case _____ said land to come again into the towns hand for their use and disposal. Ensign Joseph Ballard and William Abbott to bound said land and make return of what they do therein to the clerk of the town.

Sgt. George Abbott is chosen a lot layer to join with Deacon Stevens and Ensign Aslbee.

Granted liberty to Timothy Osgood to change four acres of land on the north side of the land which he bought of Francis Faulkner and take it in a piece of four acres Lt. John Osgood bought of said Faulkner and changed it with the town.

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At a lawful town meeting the 7th of March 1697-8, Left John Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Col Dudley Bradstreet, Mr. Andrew Peeters, Lt. John Chandler, John Abbott Sr. and Sergt. Samuel Frye were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Col Dudley Bradstreet was chosen town clerk for the year ensuing.

Mr. Andrew Peeters was chosen ~~town~~ treasurer for the year ensuing.

Samuel Hutchinson and Benjamin Abbott were chosen constables for the year ensuing.

The surveyers for the last year are chosen and continued for the year ensuing.

Cornet Nathan Stevens, quartermaster Moses Tyler, Walter Wright Sr. and Corpll. William Johnson are chosen tything men for the year ensuing.

Henry Ingalls Jr., John ffarnum Jr., Joseph Marble Sr., and Ebenezer Barker are chosen fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

Copl. Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the year ensuing.

Granted to John White the improvement of three acres of land lying on the north side of the land of William Chandler, Tertius, for so long a time as he shall husband it as he aught, but in case of failure therein, said land to come again into the towns hand for their use and disposal. Ensign Joseph Ballard and William Abbott to bound said land and make return of what they do to the clerk of the town.

Sgt. George Abbott is chosen a lot layer to join with Deacon Stevens and Ensign Aslbee.

Granted liberty to Timothy Osgood to change four acres of land on the north side of the land which he bought of Francis Faulkner and take it in a piece of four acres Lt. John Osgood bought of said Faulkner and changed it with the town.

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The third section provides a detailed overview of the results obtained from the data analysis. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the variables being studied, which supports the hypothesis of the research. The data also reveals some unexpected trends that warrant further investigation.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the findings and their implications. It suggests that the results have practical applications in the field and could be used to inform policy decisions. The author also identifies areas for future research and provides recommendations for how to improve the study's methodology.

Granted liberty to John Carlton to lay down about three acres of his lot on the eastward side of the way, on the easterly and southerly side of said land, to take up so much on the northerly side of said land. Sgt. Samuel Frye and quartermaster James Frye to lay it out and make return of what they do herein to the clerk of the town.

Granted liberty to Joseph Lovejoy and Thomas Austin four acres of land to plant & sowe with English grass seed for seven years joining to Abraham Fosters land on the north side of Boston Road.

Granted liberty to Capt. Benjamin Stevens to exchange one acre of upland for one acre of swamp that joineth to the end of his swamp.

Sold to Ephraim Marston half an acre of upland lying on the north side of the way that goeth to Lt. Jon. Barkers and on the east side of the cartways that goeth in to the meadow.

Sold to Thomas Austin half an acre of upland joining to his fence on the northwest side of his lot.

Granted liberty to Sgt. Samuel Frye to change a parcel of land that lyeth joining upon the east of Daniel Poors land for a parcel of land upon the east side of his land where he now liveth.

Granted liberty to John Ballard three acres of land to plant for seven years and to sow, the same with English hayseed, lying on the west side of the country road to Woburn and joining to the east end of the land he had of the town last town meeting day.

Granted liberty to Ephraim Marston four acres of land to plant for seven years and to sow the same with English hayseed laying upon the Wyre Hill.

Granted liberty to Nathaniel Lovejoy to exchange about two acres of land lying in Shawsheen field for so much laying in a swamp by Blanchard pond in the northwest corner where the brooks meet.



Sold to Samuel Austen that piece of land which Sgt. Samuel Frye changed with the town which lyeth on the east side of Daniel Poors land.

Granted liberty to James Bridges to exchange one acre and half of land being on the south side of the piece of ground that he bought of the town, laying upon the south side of Richard Barkers house, for one acre and half of land that lyeth on the north side of his house joining upon ye widow Stevens, her meadow.

Sold to Andrew Peeters a piece of swamp lyeing next to Ens. Steven Johnson two acres of swamp above goodman Blanchards Farm he paying for what shall appear.

Granted liberty to Sgt. William Lovejoy to change about half an acre of land lying on the southwest corner of his land where he swelleth for about so much land lying on the east end of his land by the way that goeth to Capt. Osgoods.

Granted to Abraham Foster an allowance of land to make him satisfaction for the country road that goeth to Boston the land granted to him in exchange, lyeth at the northeast end of the meadow his father bought of goodman Allen, reserving the wood for the use of the town, the lot layers to lay it out and make return of what they do herein to the clerk of the town, and whereas there was a grant formerly for the above said premises to be noted.

Granted to Stephen Parker three acres of land to plant for seven years and at the end, to sow the same with English hayseed, the land lyeth on the north side of Lt. John Osgood land and on the south side of the great hill.

On the 10th of April 1698 at a lawful townmeeting there, Capt. Christopher Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting. Voted that a committee be chosen to receive the new records of the town lands according to what papers may be found that have been upon record before, our town records being taken away by the enemy Indians.

Voted that Col. Dudley Bradstreet, Capt. Christopher Osgood, & Mr. Andrew Peeters are the committee appointed for ye abovesd work.

Andover the 2nd January 1698-9 at a lawful town meeting, Christopher Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Ordered that all those that have taken in any of the highway and improved for their profit, or any that have taken any land out of the common it shall be thrown up and a person or persons shall be appointed to see this done and said persons to be paid for their pains.

Ensign John Aslbee and Sgt. Ephraim Stevens are appointed to look after the matter above said.

Sold to Joseph Osgood a quarter of an acre of land joining to his own land on the north side, beginning at his upper barrs and so to his lower barrs, the lot layers to lay it out, he paying after the rate of 30s per acre.

Granted liberty to Sgt. Ephraim Stevens to make a ditch wall on the outside of his fence of the land which was formerly Thos. Poors upon the southerly part of sd land.

Granted to Joseph Emery a parcel of land on the southeast of the land he now has, part of which he bought of the town, he paying 30s per acre according to the usual price and according to what it shall appear.

Sold to John Frye two acres and a half of swamp land, lying upon the southwest corner of his home meadow, the lot layers to lay it out, he having paid 30 shillings per acre for the same.

Granted liberty to Copl. John Stevens to lay down fifteen acres of land which he purchased of John Russ which was layed to said Russ his great division of four score acres and lay the said fifteen acres on the southwest side of a swamp said Stevens bought of the town.

Sold to John Faulkner half an acre of land joining upon the land formerly John Tylers upon the east side not damnifying any way, he having paid fifteen shillings in money for the same.

Granted liberty to Samuel Stevens to change an acre of land or so much as shall appear, which land was bought of Joseph Stevens and to lay so much on the south of the way leading to Ipswich.



At a lawful town meeting the 6th of March 1698-9, Capt. James Frye was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Col. Dudley Bradstreet was chosen town clerk for the year ensuing.

Capt. Christopher Osgood, Capt. James Frye and Ensign John Aslbee Sgt. George Abbott and John Abbott was chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Mr. Andrew Peeters was chosen town treasurer for the year ensuing.

Joseph Emery was chosen one of the constables for the year ensuing and also Jonathan Blanchard was chosen constable for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens, quartermaster Moses Tyler, Timothy Osgood, Francis Dane, Sgt. George Abbott and Henry Holt are chosen surveyers for the year ensuing.

Henry Chandler, Abraham Foster Sr. Thomas Russell and Nehemiah Abbott are chosen tithing for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Samuel Osgood, Capt. Samuel Ingalls, Walter Wright Sr. and Corpl. Hooker Osgood are chosen fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

Capt. Benjamin Barker was chosen pound keeper for the year ensuing.

Capt. Ingalls and Capt. Benjamin Barker are chosen to look after Cochichawicke River for the free passage of the fish (called alewives) into the great pond in the season of them and they are to be discharged for their pains by the selectmen, they giving an account of their labor therein and no inhabitant or strangers shall be suffered to stop or catch any of said fish till after they come to the old mill which was formerly Joseph Parkers. This is meant only while they are going up to Spawn, and any that shall break this order shall pay five shillings fine to be gathered by the overseers abovesd by order from the selectmen.

That for the future that all representatives of the town shall bring a note from the clerk of the court for the time they hath served, or else to lose their pay.

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In addition, the document highlights the role of internal controls in preventing errors and fraud. It suggests implementing a system of checks and balances, such as requiring two people to authorize any significant payments. This helps to minimize the risk of misstatements and ensures that all transactions are properly documented and approved.

Furthermore, the document stresses the importance of transparency and communication. It encourages the organization to provide regular updates to management and the board regarding the financial performance. This helps to build trust and ensures that all stakeholders are informed of the company's financial health and any potential risks.

The document also discusses the need for ongoing training and education for all employees involved in financial reporting. This ensures that everyone is up-to-date on the latest accounting standards and best practices. Regular training sessions can help to reinforce the importance of accuracy and compliance, and provide a platform for sharing experiences and lessons learned.

Finally, the document concludes by reiterating the commitment to high standards of financial reporting. It states that the organization is dedicated to providing reliable and timely financial information to all stakeholders. This commitment is supported by a strong framework of internal controls, regular audits, and a culture of transparency and accountability.

Voted and passed the Yeoman Act of the town of granting twenty shillings in pay for each wolves head catched in Andover to be paid by the treasurer by order from the selectmen, be continued two years longer from the date hereof.

Granted to William Barker, Lawrence Lacy and Ephraim Foster sixteen acres of land upon the south end of Jacks Hill to improve for seven years and then to sow it with English hayseed and then throw it up to the town, they using no other hade (?) to fence it with than not (?) grows upon the land.

At a lawful town meeting January 1st 1699-1700, Capt. Christopher Osgood chosen moderator for this meeting.

Mr. Dudley Bradstreet chosen clerk for the meeting.

Granted to the widow Eleanor Chandler six acres of land upon the right hand of the way to goodman Elanchards, between William Ballards and William Johnsons, not prejudicing the way to Crane meadow swamp. This land was given in consideration of cost in her estate.

Voted and passed that whereas Abraham Foster had formerly a grant of land to make him satisfaction for the country road that goeth through his land and he not being satisfied with said land, the town hath now given him one acre more of swampland joining on the southeast end of his farna, not running above twenty rods in length with which he hath declared himself fully satisfied for the road is to be open and without gates.

Granted liberty to William Chandler to lay down an acre of land on the northeast side of his land between William Abbotts and his house, and to take up an acre on the south side of the land, not prejudicing any highway.

Whereas there was granted to Sgt. Ingalls, liberty to take up three acres and an half of land in Shawsheen which land he hath not yet taken up, liberty is now granted unto Deacon Joseph Stevens on his behalf to take up an acre and half of it joining to the land of John Stevens which he bought of Samuel Marble, half an acre joining to John Guttersons land and an acre and half to be layed on the south side of Mr. Guttersons house.

Voted and passed that the returns of Capt. John Osgood and Sgt. Henry Ingalls, chosen as a committee appointed to lay out the half moon meadow belonging to Mark Graves Sene shall be counted good and valid.

Voted and passed that Lt. John Barker be joined with to the committee for looking after encroachments upon the common and said committee are to make report of their actions to the town next town meeting.



Granted to John Ballard and others that join with him, sixteen acres of land upon Sutton Plain on the south side of the way that goes to William Chandlers meadow to improve for seven years and then to be thrown up to the towns use, this land not to prejudice any way, but to be fenced with the timber that grows upon it and sown with English hayseed.

At a legal town meeting March 4th 1699-1700, Lt. John Osgood chose moderator for this day.

Col. Dudley Bradstreet chose clerk for the year ensuing.

Mr. Dudley Bradstreet chose clerk for this day.

Capt. Christopher Osgood, Lt. John Osgood, Lt. John Chandler Ensign John Aslbee and Sergt. George Abbott are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Capt. Benjamin Barker is chosen constable for the north end of the town and Timothy Abbott for the south end for the year ensuing.

Mr. Andrew Peeters, town treasurer for the year ensuing.

Those men who were surveyers for the last year are continued till the year ensuing.

Lt. Johnson, quartermaster Tyler, Deacon Joseph Stevens and Benja. Abbott are chosen tithing men for the year ensuing and likewise Henry Holt and Lt. John Barker.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

Joshua Stevens, Joseph Parker, Capt. Benjamin Stevens and James Ingalls are chosen fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Capt. Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the year ensuing.

Voted and passed that Sgt. Ephraim Stevens shall have satisfaction made him for damages he sustained by the lot layers, in the laying out of land which he bought of the town which was formerly Thomas Poors, he having so much as was wanting in his measure, to be layed out to him at the north end of the swamp called the head of the rocky swamp.

Granted unto Ensign John Aslbee five or six acres of land on the west hand of the way as you go to Salem upon woodchuck Plain to improve for seven years and then sow it with English hayseed and throw it up to the towns use.

Voted and passed that John not prejudice the watering place.



Granted liberty to Samuel Stevens to improve five acres of land on the woodchuck plain on the right hand of the way leading to Salem to improve for seven years and then to sow it with English hayseed and throw it up to the town.

Granted unto John Granger liberty to improve five acres of land upon the right hand of the way leading from Thomas Abbotts to the head of the pond to improve for seven years and to throw it up to the town, sowing it with English hayseed.

Granted liberty to John Johnson to improve two acres of land on the east side of Jobs Folly on the right hand of the way leading to Topsfield to improve for seven years and then throw it up to the town.

Sold unto Capt. Frye twenty six rods on the south side of the land he bought of Ensign Ballard and twenty six rods on the west side of the land which land he hath formerly fenced in, he paying the usual price.

Granted liberty to Ensign Joseph Ballard and John Russ to exchange one half of the twenty acres of land granted by the town to the mill upon Shaw-sheen river for so much land on the westerly side of sd river on which good-man Russ hath built the obligation in all respects which belonged to said land to be layed upon the land so exchanged and in lieu thereof the easterly part of half of said land granted to the mill on which end Ensign Ballard hath built, shall be confirmed to him as a free grant from any obligation.

Lt. John Chandler and Sgt. George Abbott to lay down, the one to the town and to deliver the other to Ensign Joseph Ballard for the towns use.

At a lawful town meeting the 13th day of May 1700, Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator, and Christopher Osgood was chosen clerk for sd meeting. Voted that a committee be chosen consisting of five men to settle the setting of the meeting house in the gallerys, and below what is needful and to attend the following instructions given to direct them in that affair. The committee chosen are Capt. Chandler, Christopher Osgood, Capt John Osgood, Capt. Ephraim Stevens, and Sgt. Samll Frye. The instructions given are to make one rule out of allotments rates, age and dignity.



At a lawful town meeting January 6th, 1700-701, Sgt. Ephraim Stevens was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Mr. Dudley Bradstreet chosen clerk for this meeting.

Voted and passed that a leanto shall at the towns charge be forthwith built to the parsonage house.

Voted and passed that Mr. Barnard shall have liberty granted him to enlarge the ministers wives pew the breadth of the gallery.

At a town meeting at Andover Feb. 3rd, 1700-01 Lt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Voted and passed that a convenient school house be erected at the parting of the ways by Joseph Wilsons, to be twenty foot long and sixteen foot wide.

Capt. James Frye, Ltd. John Osgood, Sgt. Ephraim Stevens are appointed for a committee to agree with a carpenter to take care that sd school house be forthwith erected.

The above persons are likewise appointed a committee to take care and agree with workmen to build and finish the parsonage leanto which was granted the last town meeting day.

Voted and passed that the selectmen from time to time shall take care that a suitable school master be provided for the town.

Voted and passed that Ephraim Foster be chosen to take care that John Eams or other encroach not upon the town common but to make report to the town of any that so do.

Voted and passed that Lt. John Osgood and Ens. John Aslbee be added to the committee appointed April 10th 1698 for to take care for the restoring the town records.

Voted and passed that the committee appointed for to repair the town records, are a committee for to bring into the next town meeting a list of those who have an interest in the town common.

At a lawful town meeting the 3rd day of March 1700-1, Ens. John Aslebee was chosen moderator for that day.

Christopher Osgood was chosen town clerk for the ensuing year.

Segt. John Osgood, Lt. John Chandler, Ens. John Aslbee (?) Mr. Andrew Peters, Capt. James Frye were chosen selectmen for this ensuing year.

Samuel Marble, Copl. Hooker Osgood are chosen constables for the ensuing year.



Mr. Andrew Peeters was chosen town treasurer, for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens, Quartermaster Moses Tyler, Capt. Samuel Ingalls, Sgt. Samuel Frye, Lt. John Chandler, Copl Benjamin Abbott were chosen surveyors for the ensuing year.

Ephraim Foster, Timothy Osgood, Corppl. Jos Ingalls and Nathaniel Lovejoy, William Abbott, Sgt. William Lovejoy were chosen tithing men for this ensuing year.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens was chosen clerk of the market for the ensuing year.

Capt. Benjamin Stevens, Joshuah Stevens, Joseph Parker, James Ingalls are chosen fence viewers for this ensuing year.

Copl. Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted and passed that the list of commons which was drawn up by the committee chosen for that affair and offered to the town for their acceptance, that the said list be entered upon record and that no common shall be disposed of by gift or sale but by those that are so recorded and such as they shall so reason successfully to accept in as proprietors with them.

Voted and passed that for time to come the inhabitants of the town shall come together in the first Monday of April yearly at (?) 8 of the clock in the morning to give in an _____ of their ratable estate, to the defraying of town charges.

At a lawful town meeting in Andover the 5th day of January 1701-2, Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for (?) the day.

Voted and passed that those that send scholars to the public school shall pay into the town treasurer two pence per week for reading and four pence per week for writing and ciphering, and this to remain as a matter till the town see reason to alter.

Voted and passed that in consideration of the uncomfortableness of the season for (?) doing of public business, have nulled and dissolved said annual meeting for time to come on the first Monday in January.



At a lawful town meeting on the 2nd day of March 1701-2, Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for the meeting.

Lt. John Osgood, Left. John Chandler, Ensign John Aslbee, Mr. Andrew Peeters, Copl. Benjamin Abbott are chosen selectmen for the ensuing year.

Christopher Osgood is chosen town clerk for the ensuing year.

John Abbott Sr. and John Faulkner are chosen constables for the ensuing year.

Lt. Benjamin Stevens, Quartermaster Moses Tyler, Corpll. Samell Ingalls, Sergt. William Johnson, Sergt. Samll Frye, Corpll Benjamin Abbott, William Blunt senr, Left. John Chandler and Ephraim Foster are chosen surveyers for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Stephen Parker, Nathan Stevens Jr., Corp. Joseph Robinson, Sgt. Francis Dane, Joshua Stevens, Timothy Abbott are chosen tithing men for the ensuing year.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the ensuing year.

Daniel Poor and Thomas Abbott, James Ingalls, John Stevens, Jr. and William Foster, and Samuel Phelps are chosen surveyers for this ensuing year.

Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the ensuing year.

Mr. Andrew Peeters is chosen town treasurer for the ensuing year.

Granted liberty to John Johnson to exchange two acres of land with the town which he bought of Mr. Barnot which he laying down to the use of the town, hath liberty to take up two acres in the lieu thereof on the east end of the land which was formerly Francis Faulkners.

Granted liberty to Edward Phelps for the conveniency of a highway for the neighborhood, he laying down so much land as shall be convenient on the north side of his land, shall have liberty to take up so much in the lieu thereof on the west end of his land.

Sold to John Farnum Jun, about 11 or 12 rods of land adjoining to his own land for his conveniency to set a barn, he making good and feasible the highway from the other side of that way to the neighborhood rational satisfaction and that Sgt. Ephraim Stevens and Deacon Joseph Stevens are appointed to lay out said land.

Sold to Thomas Austin half an acre of land, it being a gore of land on the west side of his land he bought of the town and Mr. Peeters his land, he paying for it according to usual custom.

Voted and passed for encouragement to any for killing wolves that whosoever shall hence forward kill any grown wolves, shall be allowed out of the town treasury either twenty shillings in pay or 2 thirds in money, and for a young wolf five shillings in money.



Granted liberty to Edward Farrington to exchange with the town twelve acres of land he laying it down on the east end of his land and shall take it up on the west end, not damnifying any highway.

Sold to William Barker for his convenienc of building, half an acre of land joining on the west side of his twenty acre lot, he paying in to the treasury, according to our late custom, fifteen shillings in money for said land.

At a lawful town meeting of the town of Andover on the 3 day of June 1702, Ens. John Aslbee was chosen moderator for sd meeting.

Ensign John Aslbee and Mr. Andrew Peeters were chosen to go down to Boston to manage the concerns of the town against ?
It may be put into the general court by Mr. Benjamin Woodbridge and that company concerned with him and once by the town of Medford. Wherein soever may may thereby endeavor to intrude upon any part of our town rights and privileges and do hereby empower them to council, advise and implore against them in said matter. And also that the town do hereby ingage to bear their charges in the management of the said affair. And are also hereby allowed to see an attorney to assist and join Mr. John Leveret by name if he be not of service engaged against us. If he be another in stead of him or another to assist Mr. Leveret if need require, and further to engage them in the civil law if they proceed against us with any process therein voted and passed by a general vote the day above said.



At a lawful town meeting convened on this 1st day of March 1702-3
Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for sd meeting.

Corpll. Benjamin Abbott, Corpll. Samuel Ingalls, Sgt. Ephraim
Stevens, Sgt. Samuel Osgood, Sgt. William Lovejoy are chosen selectmen
for the year ensuing.

Christopher Osgood is chosen town clerk for the year ensuing.

Ensign John Aslbee was chosen town treasurer for the year ensuing.

Corpll. William Chandler and James Bridges are chosen constables
for the ensuing year.

Quartermaster Moses Tyler, Cornet Nathaniel Stevens, William Abbott,
Timothy Osgood, Sgt. William Johnson, Walter Write, Daniel Poor, Sergt.
Samll Frye and Ephraim Foster are chosen surveyers for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year en-
suing.

Deacon Joseph Stevens, Capt. Hooker Osgood, William Foster, Joseph
Wilson Jr. are chosen tithing men for the year ensuing.

Joseph Parker and John Johnson jr. are chosen fence viewers for the
year ensuing.

Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the year ensuing.

Voted and passed that the selectmen shall have power to agree with a
school master for the year ensuing, and to assess upon the inhabitants as
the law directs to raise money to defray our ministers rates a school
masters salary and what other necessary charges shall arise for the main-
tenance of the poor or other necessary charges.

Voted and passed that there be a meeting of the proprietors on the
8th day of inst March to consult what is needfull to be done in order to
the protecting of what is wanting in our original records of our pro-
prietors settlement.



Att a lawful town meeting of the inhabitants of Andover
the 29 day of May 1703 (?)

Left. John Osgood was chosen moderator for sd meeting.

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At a lawful town meeting of Andover on March the 1st, 1702-3, Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator.

Christopher Osgood was chosen town clerk for the ensuing year.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens, Sgt. William Lovejoy, Sgt. Samuel Osgood, Copl. Benjamin Abbott, Corp. Samuel Ingalls were chosen selectmen for the ensuing year.

Ensign John Aslbee was chosen town treasurer for the ensuing year.

Copl. William Chandler and James Bridges were chosen constables for the year ensuing.

Quartermaster Moses Tyler, Cornet Nathaniel Stevens, William Abbott, Timothy Osgood, Sgt. William Johnson, Walter Write, Daniel Poor, Samuel Frye, Ephraim Foster were chosen surveyers for the ensuing year.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens was chosen clerk of the market.

Deacon Joseph Stevens, Copl. Hooker Osgood, William Foster, Joseph Wilson jr. were chosen tithing men for the ensuing year.

Joseph Parker, John Johnson were chosen fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Corpll Benjamin Barker was chosen pound keeper.

The above said officers sworn to their respective offices as the law directs before me Christopher Osgood, town clerk.

Voted and passed that the selectmen shall have power to agree with a school master for the year ensuing, and to assess upon the inhabitants as the law directs to raise moneys to defray our ministers rates, a school masters salary and what other necessary charges shall arise for the maintenance of the poor and other necessary charges.

Voted and passed that there be a meeting of the proprietors of the town on the 8 day of inst. March to consult what is needfull to be done in order to the protecting of what is wanting in our original records of the proprietors settlement.

At a lawful town meeting of the inhabitants of Andover the 24th day of May 1703, Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for sd meeting.

Proposed and voted that a committee be chosen by the town, of five men so with those proprietors of land in Andover that have not their land yet entered in the new town book of records of land and the next (?) neighbor joining therewith, that they may have the most use (?) and full intelligence of the bounds of such lands, and what the (?) committee shall act and agree upon in settlement of such bound, entering (?) their return of what they do under their hands to the town, and there being accepted shall be accounted authentic to be entered on record, and where any land (?) upon the Town common, the sd committee shall have power to settle all such bounds and make return as above said. And do now appoint the first Tuesday in October next, be a general Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town to look at the committees return.

The committee chosen for the abovesd affair are John Osgood, John Abbott, Henry Holt, Sen and Deacon Joseph Stevens, John Chandler and any three of them agreeing shall be accounted authentic for the return of abovesd for which service they shall be allowed 2 shillings per diem out of the town treasury.

At a lawful town meeting on the 5th day of October 1703, Lt. John Osgood was chosen mederiator for sd day.

Voted and passed that the committee chosen by the town at a meeting the 24th of May 1703 for the settling of the bounds of such lands that were not yet entered in the new town book of records, that said committee be continued in sd service till the last Tuesday of November next on which day they shall bring in their returns of what they shall do in said affair.

And it is voted that the last Tuesday in November next be a general town meeting of the inhabitants at 8 of the clock in the morning to attend sd work, and it is voted that whosoever do neglect the settlement of the bounds of their lands against the day, shall bear the charge of what shall then be restored at (?) their own particular cost.

At a lawful town meeting on the 6th day of March in the year 1703-4
Lt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for sd meeting.

Mr. Dudley Bradstreet was chose town clerk for the year ensuing.

Mr. Andrew Peeters, Lt. John Chandler, Sgt. William Lovejoy, Sgt. George
Abbott and Mr. Dudley Bradstreet were chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

John Granger chosen constable for the north end of the town for the year
ensuing.

Nehemiah Abbott is chosen constable for the south end of the town for the
year ensuing.

Ensign John Aslbee chosen town treasurer for the year ensuing.

Capt. James Frye, Sgt. Stevens, Sgt. Abbott, Lt. Johnson, Ephraim Foster,
William Foster, William Abbott, Dan Poor, Corpl. Benjamin Barker were chosen
surveyers for the year ensuing.

James Bridges is chosen surveyer for the year ensuing.

Sgt. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

John Farnum Jr., John Johnson Jr., William Chandler and Edward Phelps are
chosen tithing men for the year ensuing.

Thomas Johnson Jr. is chosen tithing man for the year ensuing.

Nathaniel Lovejoy and Joshua Stevens are chosen fence viewers for the
year ensuing.

Corporal Benjamin Barker is chosen Pound Keeper for the year ensuing.

Upon application of Reverend Mr. Barnard it's voted and passed that the
town shall pay to said Mr. Barnard the year next ensuing eight pounds money
which is in consideration of his supply of wood for the next year.

John Marston Jr. is chosen grand jury man for the year ensuing.

Voted and passed that the vote of the town on the first day of March
1702-3 empowering the selectmen to levy upon the inhabitants money for defray-
ing necessary town charges be - (torn)

24 May 1703 voted that the minutes of our town meeting shall hereafter be entered in our new town book.

Voted and passed that a handsome piece of black broadcloth be bought for a funeral cloth for the towns use and the payment be made for it out of the town money.

At a lawful town meeting on the 30th day of November 1703, Lt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for sd meeting.

The return of the committee was then read and the settling of the bounds of such lands as could not be found on record, and their return was accepted and justified and ordered to be recorded in our new book of records of land for Andover.

Confirmed to the present selectmen for this present year.

At a legal town meeting Monday March 5th 1704-5, Lt. John Osgood was chosen moderator for this meeting.

Copl. Christopher Osgood is chosen town clerk for the year ensuing.

Voted that the selectmen for the year 1704 shall give in their (?) accounts to the Town of their disposing of the money put into their hands.

Capt. James Frye, Capt. Christopher Osgood, Lt. George Abbott, Ensign Lovejoy, Nehemiah Abbott are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

John Maston and William Foster are chosen constables for the ensuing year.

Lt. John Aslbee is chosen Town treasurer for the year ensuing.

Capt. James Frye, Ens. Ephraim Stevens, Lt. George Abbott, Lt. Tho. Johnson, Ephraim Foster, Sgt. Francis Dane, William Abbott, Daniel Poor, Corpll. Benjamin Barker are chosen surveyers for the ensuing year.

Ens. Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the ensuing year.

Lt. George Abbott is chosen leather sealer for the ensuing year.

Corpll. Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the ensuing year.

John Farnum Jr., John Johnson Jr., William Chandler, Thomas Russ are chosen tithing men for the year ensuing.

Nathaniel Lovejoy and Joshua Stevens are chosen fence viewers for the ensuing year.

Voted and passed that the 2nd Monday inst. March be appointed for a general town meeting to consult of, and act about, several things that appear to be of concernment for the towns interests as to encroachments of land and other things.

Voted and passed that the vote of the Town on the 1st of March 1702-3 empowering the selectmen to levy upon the inhabitants money for the defraying necessary Town charges.



Att a lawfull town meeting the 12th day of March 1704 Capt. John Chandler was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

It was voted and passed that Mr. Barnard in answer to his request to the town in that regard shall have eight pounds in money given him of the town in the lieu of the wood the town was to provide for him which is to be understood for this ensuing year and the payment thereof to be made the next winter.

Voted and passed that Sgt. John Aslebee and Walter Write, Ensign Ephraim Stevens, John Abbott: Ensign Joseph Ballard be a committee to view and take notice of any incroachments that is made by any person upon the town comon and the return of any three (?) of the five be accounted authentic. They are to take notice of any comon land they find taken in by any particular person and to warne them to remove their prices straight to their proper line forthwith and to make their returne of whate they so find to the town the next General Town Meeting.

Voted and passed that Ensign Joseph Ballard shall have the liberty of the land which his son Hesekiah's shop now stands upon so long as he shall have occassion for a smith's shop to stand there: and after that: the land remaine the towns again.

Granted liberty to Ensign Ephraim Stevens to take in so much of the town's land adjoining to his own: as to set up a leantow at the end of his Barne: of ten foot wide and liberty therewith to make his yard square with his leantow.

Voted and passed that no rams shall be suffered to go upon the comon with the ewes from the first day of August to the last day of October and whatsoever rams are found contrary to this order within the time abovesaid, the owners of said rams shall pay two shillings per week for every ram so found which shall be payable one halfe to the informers and the other halfe to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Towne.

Granted to Samuel Farnum a stripp of land from the horsbridge on this side his house to the Brooke on the east side of the Brooke: not to damnifye the Roade as it now is nor the privilege of watering at the Brooke for cattle.

Granted liberty to Joseph Robbinson to exchange an acre and a half or nor exceeding two acres of land: he laying it down on Bushill the northwest corner of his land running eastward and to take it up on the outside of our bounds, next to Rowly Line adjoining to Left John Peabody's land.



Att a lawfull Town Meeting Legally warned by order from the selectmen on the 15 day of October 1705 to consult and agree about the building a New Meeting house.

Left John Aslebee was chosen moderator said meeting - Voted & passed that there shall be one meetinghouse built as may be sufficient and convenient for the whole town as may be.

At a lawfull Town meeting legally warned by order from the selectmen on the 12 day of November 1705. To consult and agree about a New Meeting house and the place where it shall be sett for the best conveniency of the inhabitants. Capt. John Chandler was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

A vote proposed by the moderator that those that were minded the meetinghouse should be set by the Widow Allins should go out at the North Door and those that were minded to have the meetinghouse to be sett in the center of the inhabitants should go out at the South Door.

Accordingly it was voted and passed that the New Meetinghouse that was voted the 15th of October to be built in Andover should be sett for the conveniency of the Town as near as any place can be found convenient in the center of the inhabitants. Ens. Joseph Ballard, Henry Holt: Sergt. Francis Dane, Quartermaster Moses Tiler, Timothy Osgood: James Bridges are a committee chosen by the Town to compute and find out by measure and number of the inhabitants. The center of the Town, according to the Town vote to set the new Meetinghouse as may be convenient for the inhabitants, and to bring in their report of their doings to the Town at their meeting this day fourthright.

Att a lawfull Town meeting legally warned by order from the selectmen on the 26th of November 1705 to consult and agree of the place & methods for the building a New meetinghouse in Andover. Leiftenant John Osgood was chosen moderator for said meeting and no town business effected but to take in the return of the committee which was that they could not agree.

Att a lawful Town Meeting legally warned by warrant from the selectmen on the 19th of January, 1706/7 farther to consult about the building of a meetinghouse for the inhabitants of Andover according to our former vote. Ensign Ephraim Stevens was chosen moderator for said meeting and no other Town business effected.

Att a lawful Town Meeting Monday March the 4th 1705/6 Ensign Ephraim Stevens is chosen Moderator for said meeting. Capt. Christopher Osgood was chosen Town Clerk for the insuing year. Capt. James Frye, Capt. Christopher Osgood, Left. John Aslebee, Left. George Abbot, Sergt. Samuel Frye are chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing.

John Farnum Junr. and John Johnson Senr. are chosen constables for the ensuing year: John Johnson for the South end: and John Farnum for the Northend.

Lieft. John Aslebee is chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Capt. John Chandler, Capt. James Frye: Ensign Ephraim Stevens: Lieft. George Abbott; Sergt. Francis Dane, Sergt. Samuel Osgood; John Carleton; Daniel Poor, Ephraim Foster, James Bridges, are chosen surveyors for the year ensuing.

Joseph Osgood, John Ballard; Ephraim Farnum; Oliver Holt; Srgt. Samuel Osgood are chosen tithing men for the year ensuing.

Joseph Parker Senr. and Nathaniel Lovejoy are chosen fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

Ens. Ephraim Stevens chosen Clerk of the Market for the year ensuing.

Left. George Abbot is chosen Leather Sealer for the year ensuing.

Sergt. Benjamin Barber is chosen pound keeper for the year ensuing.

Voted and passed that the Reverend Mr. Thomas Barnard shall have the usual sum of money as we have upon his request allowed him a year or two past in the lieu of his wood that he shall have the same allowance for this ensuing year.

Voted and passed that John Perkins shall have liberty of exchange of his land that lyes on the right hand of Salem Road about 10 or 12 acres or thereabouts and to be layd out to him again on the east side of the Brook not to prejudice his neighbors.

Sold to Joseph Osgood Ten rods of ground to set a Barn upon to run from his pasture bars towards his other Bars next to his house.

Lieft. John Aslebee: Timothy Osgood; Capt. James Frye are chosen a committee and impowered to settle the line between our bounds and Goodman Willkins his farme and what is thereabouts unsettled.

Att a lawfull town meeting legally warned and convened together the 17th day of May 1706. Lieft John Aslebe was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Voted and passed that the selectmen shall have power to agree with a schoolmaster for the year ensuing and go assess upon the inhabitants as the law directs to raise moneys to defray our minister's rates, a schoolmaster's salary and what other necessary charges shall arise for the maintenance of the poor and other necessary charges.

Voted and passed that the twenty-eight acres of land sold to Lieft. Joseph Chandler to Ensign William Lovejoy taken out of Benjamin Abbott's land by exchange with the town for the benefit of the committee and the Iron Works. The said Joseph Chandler shall have that six acres which Ensign Lovejoy hath broken up and cleared laying down all the rest of the twenty-eight acres to the use of the Town in common for ever. The town adding to his six acres eight acres more of land to joyn on the northerly end. Thereof running down the river, which will make the whole fourteen acres and this shall be ratified and confirmed to the Iron Works and Chandler the owner thereof: forever and to be a finall conclusion, of all controvrsy that might arise from any grants formerly to said Works and this land to be layd out by the Lolayers: Lieft. George Abbott and Deacon Joseph Stevens, and they to take a quitt claims of Lieft. Chandler of the land granted to the Works excepting the abovesaid six acres brought into improvement.

Att a lawfull Town meeting anually apointed on Monday the 3d day of March 1706/7.

Lieft John Aslebe was chosen moderator for said meeting. Capt. Christopher Osgood was chosen Town Clerk for the ensuing year. Capt. Christopher Osgood: Capt. James Frye, Lieft John Aslebee, Lieft. George Abbott: Sergt. James Frye are chosen selectmen for the year ensuing.

Corpll. John Frye: and Joseph Lovejoy are chosen Constables for the year ensuing. Mr. Andrew Peeters is chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Capt. John Chandler: Quartermaster Moses Tiler: Lieft. George Abbott, Sergt. Francis Dane, Sergt. Samuel Osgood: John Carleton: Sergt. William Chandler, John Maston, Jonathan Blanchard, James Ingalls, Daniell Poor: are chosen surveyors for the year ensuing.

Nathan Abbott: William Elunt Junr: Henry Holt, Junr.: Sergt. Samuel Osgood, Corpll. John Chandler: George Abbott Junr., are chosen tithing men for the year ensuing.

Joseph Parker Senr., Nathaniel Lovejoy are chosen fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

Ensign Ephraim Stevens is chosen Clerke of the Market for the year ensuing.

Leift. George Abbott is chosen Leather Sealer for the year ensuing. Sargt. Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Reverend Mr. Thomas Barnard shall have eight pounds in money payed him out of ye Town Treasury in the lieu of his wood.

Sold to Joseph Parker thirty rods of Land not exceeding forty: Lying on the southwest side of his own meadow below Ephraim Maston's house not dammifying any way he paying to the town in money at our usuall price.

Granted Liberty to Capt. John Chandler to exchange two acres not exceeding three: he laying it down at the west end of his land at his son Zebedians: and taking it up again part of it between the swamp and his house: and part at the east end of his land: To be done by the lottlayers.

This Grant is allowed and entered on the other side those being mentioned in it (Granted to Leift. John Aslebe a slip of land not exceeding an acre and a quarter at the most, he not to prejudice the high way that is to be allowed through it forever. The said Leift. Aslebe to maintain convenient gates or draw bars to said way which land is to be in full satisfaction for his service as Town Treasurer for 3 years, he served he also promiseth that if the neighborhood will not comply hearwith to revoke said land again re- turning to the Town: the land is on the Northside of Samuel Hutchison's land joining to the mill River.

Granted liberty to Richard Barker Senr. to exchange with the Town six acres of land he laying it down at the upper end of ye woolfe swamp the land that was formerly improved, he taking it up again between his pond ground and Jacob Marstons on ye (?) and _____ of ye way. Done by the lottlayers.

Granted to Leift. John Aslebe a slipp of land about one acre or not exceeding an acre and a quarter lying on ye northside of Samuel Hutchisons barn on ye westerly side of ye land of Sergt Benjamine Barker down to ye old sluice. Leaving to Sargt Barker and his heirs forever, a liberty of a way through said land by gates or draw bars for to cart his hay from his meadow.

Att a lawfull town meeting legally warned by order of ye selectmen on Monday the 12th of May 1707 Leift John Osgood was chosen moderator for said meeting.

Voted and passed that the vote passed in a town meeting in March the 1st 1702/3 for the empowering the selectmen to assess on the inhabitants moneys for the defraying the ministers rates, a schoolmasters sallary and other necessary charges in ye town. That siad vote is now revived for the ensuing year and also the selectmen are chosen assessors for collection of the country tax.

Att a lawfull town meeting legally warned by order from the selectmen the 26th day of May 1707. Capt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for said meeting.

Voted and passed that the return made of the line run by the artist Leift Burnett of Reading by which he found by measure that the center of the inhabitants was in Abraham Fosters Junr; Lott near his house that this place is accepted as the center or near thereabouts .

Voted and passed that meeting house be built for the inhabitants of Andover of these following dimensions viz. of sixty foot long and fourty two foot wide and twenty foot studd and with a flatt rooffe.

Voted and passed that Capt. John Chandler, Leift George Abbott: Sargt Samuel Frye, Ensign William Lovejoy, Quartermaster Moses Tilor be a committee to agree with.

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Voted and passed that ye selectmen shall be hereby impowered from the Town: to take care for the Reverend Mr. Barnards: settlement in some convenient house for the present supply till a house can be built for him.

Att a lawfull town meeting legally warned by order from the selectmen the 2d day of July 1707.

Leift John Osgood was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Voted and passed that there shall be some convenient fortification made with boards and timber about the house where the Reverend Mr. Barnard is for the present shrowded - and that the said stuffe used about said worke. Shall be taken away againe for the Towne use as they shall after (?) see occasion and that a committee be chosen ande appointed to see the said matter speedily effected for Mr. Barnard security and convenience. The committee chosen to see the above said worke effected are Timothy Osgood, Coronett Stevens, Richard Barker; The committee are also to take care in procuring boards that they may be such. That may be suitable to improve afterwards in the building of a house for Mr. Barnard.

Att a lawfull town meeting legally warned by order of the select men the 9th day of September 1707. Capt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for said meeting.

Voted and passed that the New Meeting House that was voted to be built for the whole town of Andover that it shall be sett upon the spott of ground near the tree called Holts Tree, where the cross paths meet as the southwest corner of George Abbotts ground.

Voted & passed that the town will be at the expense of 40 or 50 shillings if it be needfull to the repayring and mending the roofe and walls of the house Mr. Barnard is now resident in and that there may be (?) improved to repayr the wall of said house.

Ensign Lovejoy and Walter Write are chosen to be added to the former committee chosen and appointed to take care for the making a fortification about the house where Mr. Barnard is at present settled according what was voted in our former meeting on July the 2nd, 1707:

Voted Liberty that Mr. Barnard may take so many of the bricke that belonged to his former house to make a chimney in ye Brick house belonging to ye house where he now liveth.

Att a lawfull Town meeting Legally warned by order from the selectmen on the 27th day of February 1707/3 in obedience to and according to order of the gen'l court to chose a commissioner and trustees to take in the valuation of the state of the Town and to procuring therein as said act directs: Capt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for said meeting.

Capt. Christopher Osgood was chosen commissioner: Capt. John Chandler, Mr. Andrew Peeters, John Abbott, Corp'll Nehemiah Abbott, Ephraim Foster are chosen for Trustees for the management of said affair.

By warrant from the selectmen in warning of said meeting there was also orders given in said warrant thatt tryall might be made in ye town meeting to recondite our long diserened if it be possible by a regular vote of such persons as are quallified for voting as the Law directs accordingly. The matter was offered to the Town and another vote past in upon the former spot viz - that the new meeting house should be set at that place commonly called Holts free, for which vote there was in number (?)

Att our annuall Town meeting for the choyce of town offices on the 1st day of March in the year 1707/8 M(?) Ephraim Stevens was chosen moderator for said meeting.

Capt. Christopher Osgood was chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Capt. Christopher Osgood, Capt. John Chandler, Srgt. Samuel Frye, Leift. George Abbott, Sargt Francis Dane are chosen selectmen for the ensuing year.

Steven Barker and Nathaniel Abbott are chosen constables for the ensuing year.

James Ingalls, Abraham Foster, Sergt John Ballard, Stephen Osgood, Sargt Hooker Osgood, Quartermaster Moses Tiler, Richard Barker Senr., Sargt Samuel Osgood, Sargt. William Chandler, Ephraim Foster are chosen surveyors for highways for the year ensuing.

Mr. Andrew Peters is chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Thomas Austin, Timothy Johnson, Christopher Lovejoy, James Russ, John Marston, are chosen tything men for the year ensuing.

Ensign Ephraim Stevens is chosen clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

Joseph Parker and Nathaniel Lovejoy are chosen fenceviewers for the ensuing year.

Leift George Abbott is chosen Leather Sealer for the year ensuing.

Sargt. Benjamin Barker is chosen pound keeper for the insuing year.

Voted to give Mr. Barnett upon his desire eight pounds money in ye lieu of his wood for ye year ensuing.

Granted an exchange of two acres of land to Samuel Smith of some land he is willing to lay down to accommodate the conveniency of the road to Salem which land he is to take up on the end of his land cross the Brook.



Sold to William Barker Senr. two acres of land joyning to Rowley Line on the west side of his land he bought of Sampson how he paying to the Town thirty shillings per acre for said land the next Michlemas said land is for his conveniency of building and in case he build not upon it he is to return it to the Town again.

Sold to Sargt Samuel Frye half an acre of land on the east side of his land by his son Ebenezer's house, he paying to the Town after the rate of thirty shillings an acre for said land, Exchanged with Joseph Parker Senr. two acres of land he laying down two acres of his land at the place called Fosters Hedg(?) as hedg(?) goe to the great pond and he is to take it up by the old Claymitts on the right hand of the way to Timothy Johnsons by the side of Wier hill.

Sold to Thomas Abbott Junr. half an acre of land for his conveniency to sett a dwelling house upon which land is to be layd out to him at the East end of his barne joyning to his pasture: for which he is to pay to the Town fifteen shillings in money the next Michlemas ensuing.

Att a lawfull Town Meeting of the regular Voters in town affairs, Legally warned by order & warrant from the selectmen in order to determine our long difference about the spott to sett our new Meeting House, convened on the 12 day of October 1703. Capt. John Chandler was chosen moderator for said meeting.

It was voted and passed that the New Meeting house which shall be built for the inhabitants of Andover shall be sett att the spott commonly called Holt's tree where it was formerly voted where the cross paths meet on the southwest corner of Leift George Abbottsland. The number of votes was eighty eight: and the lossing vote was number 29.

Voted and passed that the New Meeting house shall be built according to these dimensions following viz. fifty-six foot long and fifty-foot wide and twenty-two foot studds and with a square roofe without Dormers with two Lucoms on each side.

The Town meeting was then by the Moderator adjourned to the next Friday at noon which will be the 15th day current that then the Town might chose a committee to carry on the measure of the work of ye new Meeting house and also to consult about raising money for said work, and to impower same to take care to repayr our present meetinghouse for our present comfort (?) and also to impower the selectmen to raise money for to de-fray our necessary town charges.

Therefore to Capt. Christopher Osgood, Clerk for our Town of Andover: We doo desire that you would enter this our decent in our Town book of records as it is written as it is with our names hereunto subscribed-----

John Osgood
 Richard Barker Senr.
 Benjamin Barker
 Ephraim Stevens Senr.
 Joseph Stevens
 Nathan Stevens Senr.
 Benjamin Stevens
 Moses Tilor
 Hester Stevens Widow
 James Bridges
 Jacob Maston
 Lawrence Lacy
 William Barker Senr.
 John Parker
 Joseph Robbinson
 John Barker (?)
 William Barker Junr.
 John Aslebe
 John Johnson Junr.
 Samuel Hutchinson
 Timothy Johnson
 Stephen Barker
 Thomas Abbott

Samuel Austin
 Daniel Poore
 Joseph Emery
 John Farnum Senr.
 Samuel Osgood
 Joseph Parker Junr.
 Timothy Osgood
 Samuel Marble
 John Faulkner
 John Martin
 Daniel Faulkner
 Ebenezer Stevens
 Nathaniel Dane
 Samuel Ingalls
 John Farnum
 Edward Farrington
 Dane Robbinson
 Samuel Farnum
 Joseph Maston
 Abraham Foster Senr.
 Samuel Stevens
 John Granger

This is truly
 entered act of ye
 original. Delivered
 to me to enter
 (Christopher Osgood, Clerk)

(What other business was effected at said
 (meeting is entered on the other side off
 (this leaf with this character pointing
 (to it ≡)

Voted that Capt. John Chandler, Lt. George Abbott, Sgt. Samuel Ffrie, Ens. William Lovejoy, Quartermaster Moses Tyler be a committee to agree with workmen and Laborers and for teams and what shall be necessary for the carrying on the building and finishing of our new meeting house, for which vote there was 81 in number; and that the Town will furnish them with money for the carrying on of said work, which money shall be raised at three or four payments as the major part of the Town shall agree for the time and sum: this particular vote had in Number 84 and (?) it was voted that 100 pounds in or as money shall be raised on the inhabitants out of this cropp in this first year for which vote there was numbered 84.

At a lawful town meeting warned by order from the Selectmen on the 24th of December 1707, upon the occasion of ye coming up of ye gentlemen appointed by ye honored General Court as a committee to hear the allegations made by the Town and the petitioners in regard of the difference between the petitioners and the Town concerning ye place for setting the new meeting house: Capt. John Chandler was chosen Moderator for said meeting. Capt. John Chandler, Capt. Christopher Osgood, John Abbott Sr. and Ensign William Lovejoy: Sgt. Samuel Ffrie, Henry Holt, Capt. Nehemiah Abbott, Sgt. Francis Dane, are chosen and appointed by ye Town to manage the difference with the gentlemen of the committee in the Town's behalf and so attend the gentlemen in viewing the places proposed for ye setting of ye meeting house in answer to the allegations that shall be made by ye petitioners.

At a lawful town meeting legally warned by order (torn) Town the 3rd day of September 1707, according to the vote (torn) Capt. John Chandler was chosen Moderator for said meeting. At this meeting, there was offered a paper of discentors from a vote of a former meeting which they desired to be entered in the records in this place and they continued their discent at this meeting, which is here entered as followeth:

Andover, September the 15th, 1707. We whose names are hereunto subscribed being a certain number of the Town aforesaid, being qualified according to law to vote in Town Meetings, do herein enter our contrary decents against the Town's actings any further about the setting, building or erecting of a meeting house on ye place on the westwardly end of George Abbott's land where the place was last voted: by some of our Town of Andover aforesaid at a Town Meeting, held at Andover on Tuesday, the ninth day of this instant September in the year 1707, which vote entered in our Town Book as we understand. Therefore, we, the subscribers, are against the setting of the meeting house on the place aforesaid for the several reasons following:

- 1st. The place that is voted where the meeting house is to stand is the Proprietor's Common and there is no leave of them that it shall stand there, which should have been first known that they give or sell land to the Town for that use.
- 2dly The place voted to set the meeting house on is so far from the parsonage that the Town hath settled Mr. Barnard upon that he cannot, with any conveniency, go constantly to it to preach. Neither can the whole Town remove him except he pleaseth. And the Town in reason cannot think that he will be willing considering the remoteness of the place and therefore, Mr. Barnard's mind should have been known by the Town in that matter whether he would be pleased to remove yea or no.

- 3dly The place voted for the meeting house to stand on is much besides the greater part of our inhabitants for the bulk of the town that live near together in the town: and where it was first placed, and not in the center as it is inhabited the way they must go to meeting.
- 4thly We, the subscribers, are much of the opinion that the last vote that past and is entered in our Town Book is not legal for this reason. In that said vote was obtained by many voting in the meeting aforesaid that was not qualified according to law: neither had many of those persons that estate ratable to the value of 20 pounds to a single rate besides the pole which qualifications all persons must have before that they can vote in the choice of any town offices; and if so sure they had need be as well qualified for the choice of a place to set the meeting house on, it being a thing of so great weight.
- 5thly We, the proprietors for ourselves, that have hereunto subscribed being interested in all and every part and parcel of common and undivided land in the town aforesaid, do herein forbid the granting or laying out any of the common in that place there by George Abbott's land where the meeting house shall stand for that use for some of the reasons already mentioned.

(SEE PRECEDING LEAF OF RECORD.)

THE PARTICULAR GRANTS OF LAND AND MEDDOW GRANTED TO NATHAN PARKER

Granted to him a 4-acre houselot bounded on the south with the lot of John Stevens; on the north with the lot of Daniel Poore; on the west with the street; on the east the swamp, the which he sold to Daniel Poore.

Granted to him one acre of land to build upon where his orchard now stands. Granted to him four acres of land for two acres of his houselot lying on the north of his orchard; bounded on the east with the fence and on the northwest with a great oak; on the south with a dead apple; and on the west with a fence.

Granted to him three acres of swampy land for one acre of his houselot on the west of his other land and bounded on the north and west with a brook that runs from John Lovejoy's and on the south with a road that runneth between them both and the fence of William Chandler
/(might be farm)

Granted to him the swamps that lie on the south of his orchard for one acre that he bought of Daniel Poore that lay on the and it bounded on the west with a maple that has three trees out of the stump which doe part him and William Chandler; and on the southwest with a staump of a tree; on the south with the fence and a great _____ on the southeast and the land of John Stevens on the east.

Granted to him a small parcel of land adjoining to the east side of his barn; bounded on the east with the land of John Stevens; and on the north with the fence.

Granted to him the swamp that doth lie on the east side of his house and land for his street division and bounded as now the fence doth stand and a smale goore more of land for his street division on the west side of the brook that runs from John Lovejoy's spring, bounded from a great oak that stands on the northwest corner of his land to a great white oak that stands on the west of his piece of land and from there to a maple standing on the side brook that hath two bodies.

Granted to him three acres of meadow in the west part of _____ meadow and a parcel more of meadow for three acres, be it more or less, lying between _____ meadow and the meadow of John Stevens and all the bit of meadow that doo lie on both sides of the brook that doo run out of a meadow called "Shoue Meadow" to John Osgood's meadow.

Granted to him the Flaggy Meddow on the southeast end of the Bald Hill or an acre and a half, be it more or less.

Granted to him a parcel of meddow on the west side of the _____ Hill for an acre, be it more or less.

Granted to him a parcel of land for five acres _____ and a half above the falls, bounded on the north with the river; on the south with the land of John Lovejoy; with a swamp on the east; and a brook on the west end.

Granted to him five acres of land in the new field, bounded on the north with Shawsheen River; on the west with the chanoll(?) that is between John Aslet and him; on the south with the land of Bradstreet and on the east with a deep gutter or swamp.

Granted to him eight acres of land in the new field for fencing, bounded on the east with the land of Robert Barnard and a white oak standing in the _____; on the west with the swamp between him and Mr. Bradstreet's land; on the north with a round swamp; on the south with a white oak between it and Mr. Bradstreet's land.

(THE ABOVE IS ALL IN DANIEL FAULKNER'S WRITING.)

THE PARTICULAR GRANTS OF LAND AND MEDDOW GRANTED TO DANIEL POORE

Granted to Daniel Poore a fouer-acre houselot bounded on the south with the land of Nathan Parker that hee bought of him and doe now enjoy; bounded on the north with the land of John Aslet and the street on the left and the east with a swamp.

Granted to him a parcel of land below the false over Shawsheen for 2 acres, be it more or less; bounded on the east with the land of Richard Barker; on the north with Merrimac; on the west with a swamp and the land of John Frie on the south.

Granted to him 7 acres of land on the west side of Shawsheen River and bounded on the east with the river; on the north with a spring; on the west with the hills and on the south with the foord. Granted to him 7 acres for his Shawsheen Division and

Granted to him 14 acres of land on the plain that is above Joseph Parker's meadow; bounded on the west with the land of Solomon Martin; on the south with the land of John Stevens; on the east with the land of Richard Barker; and John Aslet's land; and a swamp on the north, 2 acres of which granted him for 2 acres of his houselot and the other 12 for his division land.

Granted to him in the neck, 8 acres of land bounded on the north and west with Shawsheen River; on the south with a swamp; and on the east with John Rush's and William Ballard's lands and the way that goes to Shawsheen.

Granted to him a parcel of land for an acre that is on the west of that land that was granted to Mr. Benjamin Woodbridge; bounded on the south with a swamp; on the west with Shawsheen River; and on the north with his own land.

Granted to him for fencing all the wast land in the new field on the south side of the highway that goes to Shawsheen Field that was not granted out. Granted to him 5 acres of meadow in Wades' Meadow on the west side of Mosquito River, bounded on the north with the meadow of Richard Barker; on the southeast with a _____ that _____ out of the river; on the south with the meadow of Nathan Parker and a stake on the southwest and the island on the west.

Granted to him a meadow about Shawsheen Field for 3 acres, be it more or less, with a slipp of meadow that lies southeast of the other.

Granted to him 2 acres and a half of meadow lying on the north side of the pond that is above the meadow of John Frie and John Lovejoy; bounded on the south with the pond; on the west with the upland; on the north with a white oak and maple.

THE ABOVE IS IN EDMUND FAULKNER'S WRITING.

(THIS AND THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW WERE, APPARENTLY, A PART OF THE TOWN MEETING BOOK, AS THE PAGE SIZES ARE THE SAME, AND ARE A DIFFERENT SIZE & SHAPE FROM THE SO-CALLED LAND GRANT BOOKS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN REINFORCED WITH SILK AND BOUND TOGETHER IN ONE VOLUME, WHICH IS IN THE TOWN CLERK'S VAULT IN ANDOVER.)

(THESE ENTRIES WERE APPARENTLY MADE PERSUANT TO A TOWN MEETING VOTE, FEBRUARY 3, 1661, (Frame 326) WHERE "IT IS ORDERED THAT ALL GRANTS OR LAND AND MEADOWS _____ GRANTED AND TO BE GRANTED SHALL BE ENTERED INTO THAT BOOK: ALSO EDMOND FAULTNER IS CHOSEN TO ENTER TO AFORESAID GRANTS AND TO BE ALLOWED TWO SHILLINGS FOR EVERY PARTICULAR MAN FOR HIS HOUSELOT AND THE COMBINATION PROVIDED EVERY MAN BRING IN HIS GRANTS TO HIM WITHIN SEVEN YEARS.)

(SEE ALSO FRAME 280.)

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AN ACCOUNT OF STRAYS FOR THE YEAR 1704

Taken up by Nicholas Holt, Sr., of Andover, on the 14th of December 1704, a light grey mare with a blaze down her face branded with an "L" on the mare's shoulder, one white foot and black mane and taylor.

(THE ABOVE APPEARS TO BE IN DUDLEY BRADSTREET JR.'S HANDWRITING.)

THE PARTICULAR GRANTS OF LAND AND MEDDOWS TO RICHARD BARKER

Granted to him a seven-acre houselot bounded on the north with the houselot of John Osgood, on the south with the highway, on the west with the street, on the east with the land of Joseph Parker.

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Granted to him two ~~acres~~ of street division, one before his house, bounded as it is now fenced; the other next to the street lands of Mr. Francis Dane, having the highway on the east and north.

Granted to him two parcels of land in Shawsheen Field lying for seven acres, be it more or less; one parcel of it having the land of Mr. Simon Bradstreet on the east and the land of Nicholas Holt on the west, the river on the north and the highway on the south; the other parcel bounded on the east with the lands of Nicholas Holt, on the west with the land of Nathan Parker, a ridge of land on the south, and a clay(?) bank on the north.

_____ three parcels of land lying in the new field and bounded on the east with Cochiewick, on the west a white oak tree, on the north with the land of John Osgood. Another parcel lying in Cochiweck Field bounded on both sides with the land of Mr. Bradstreet, with a clay(?) bank. The third parcel lies abutting against Merrimack River, having a road on the west, the land of John Osgood on the east.

Granted to him three acres addition to his houselot with the divisions. The three-acre houselot and the three-acre division land bounded on the south with the land of John Stevens, and the land of Daniel Poore on the west, and with a white oak tree near to the way above the meddow of John Stevens.

A parcel of land lying against Shawsheen River which he bought of William Ballard.

Granted to him half the meddow lying above the mill for two acres bounded on the southeast with the meddow of Joseph Parker.

Granted to him five acres of meddow lying on both sides of Mosquito River bounded northward with the meddow of John Aslet and on the east with the meddow of John Stevens.

Granted to him the sponge of meddow for John Stevens his meddow on both sides of Mosquito Brook for two acres, having the meddow of John Osgood on the east, and Daniel Poore's on the south.

(ALL THE ABOVE IS IN EDMOND FAULKNER'S HANDWRITING.)

(SEE ALSO FRAMES 271 and 272, WHICH CONTAIN A FEW MORE GRANTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE ABOVE.)



At a lawful town meeting the 3rd of February 1661, it is ordered that all the firstcomers of inhabitants that have been at the charges of purchasing the plantation and building the minister's house, the mill and the meeting house for and in consideration thereof are allowed one acre and a half for every acre houselot of low and swamp land and every other inhabitant that have been at the charges of building the meeting house and mill is to be allowed one acre to every acre houselot and this land is to lie appertenant to the lots.

(THE ABOVE WRITTEN BY

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AT A GENERAL TOWN MEETING THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER 1662

Item

It is ordered and granted that for every acre of houselot there shall be laid out to it twenty acres of upland to be taken up and chosen the same way and order that hath been used in divisions of land according to the times of men coming to the town, which land may be taken up in any place beyond Shawsheen River within the bounds or in any place this side of the river provided that no part of that on this side of the river be within four miles of the meeting house; provided also that ~~they shall~~ have meddow granted on the further side of the Shawsheen River may take their land next to their meddow, and no other shall disappoint them thereof, though it be their liberty to choose before them, and everyone is to make choice of his place where to be as soon as possible may be, especially those that are to choose first, so that all divisions may be laid out by the first of May next and furthest and whomsoever hath not by that time made choice of his place shall lose his liberty of choice and he that cometh next may take up his allotment and so others afterward as they can find their places.

Joseph Earker, Thomas Chandler, Nathan Parker and John Lovejoy are chosen and appointed as lotlayers to lay out and measure the several lots, all which they are to lay of four-square or long squares not exceeding twice the length at the breadth of every lot contain and are to mark trees or set stakes or hoops of stones at every corner which they are to enter and record in a book with the length and breadth thereof and to give ye parties it concerns a transcript thereof unto their hands, as they are to do for all other lands that at any time they shall lay out and it is agreed that there shall be two of ye four lotlayers at the laying out of this or of any other land granted by ye town and for the laying out of these allotments there shall be allowed six shillings a day to those two lotlayers that shall be employed to be paid by him or them that sets them to work and if they can dispatch that which they are called forth to do in less time than a day, yet no part of their said allowance shall be abated and for the laying out of meddow ground, they shall be allowed twopence an acre or six shillings a day at the choice of the lotlayers and for such houselots as hath been alienated or sold by the first grantor and so remains doubtful for whom division of land belongs. The said lotlayers are to forbear laying forth any land as ~~is~~ belonging thereunto til the controversy be decided or have further ~~division thereof from the town~~ direction therein from the town.

(THE ABOVE LOOKS LIKE CHRISTOPHER OSGOOD'S WRITING.)

(WHILE THIS APPEARS TO BE A COPY OF A VOTE TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 24TH, 1662, TOWN MEETING, NO SUCH VOTE SHOWS UP IN THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING, AS GIVEN ON FRAME 0328.)

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. From the first European settlers to the present day, the nation has evolved through various stages of development. The early years were marked by exploration and the establishment of colonies. The American Revolution led to the birth of a new nation, and the subsequent years saw the expansion of territory and the growth of industry. The Civil War was a pivotal moment in the nation's history, leading to the abolition of slavery and the strengthening of the federal government. The late 19th and early 20th centuries were characterized by rapid industrialization and the rise of a new middle class. The Great Depression of the 1930s led to significant government intervention in the economy. The mid-20th century saw the United States emerge as a superpower, with its influence extending across the globe. The Vietnam War and the civil rights movement were major events of this period. The late 20th and early 21st centuries have been marked by technological advances, globalization, and the challenges of a new millennium.

CONCLUSION

The history of the United States is a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of its people. It is a story of a nation that has overcome many challenges and continues to grow and change. The future of the United States is bright and full of potential.

THE RECORDS OF THE PARTICULAR GRANTS OF LAND AND MEDDOW GRANTED TO JOHN STEVENS

Granted to him eight acres for a houselot bounded with the street on the west end, and forescore rods in length, and bounded with a swamp on the south and southeast side and with Daniel Poore's land that was Nathan Parker's on the north side.

Granted on the south side of the swamp by his house an acre and half to answer(?) ~~xxxx~~ other grants in the town and exchanged one acre and three-quarters at the east end of his houselot for one acre and three-quarters next his acre and a half next that granted to Solomon Martin and him and little parcel ~~twixt~~ them that is his land lying betwixt the land of Solomon Martin and his house.

Granted in Shawsheen Field eight acres, Mr. Bradstreet's land on the east end of it, John Osgood's land at the west end of it, the way on the north side and the meddow on the south side of part of it.

Granted to him in the new field eight acres lying betwixt the old field and the fence, the land which was Goodman Holt's both sides of it.

~~xxxxxx Thomas Shearman's house~~

Bought of Thomas Shearman a four-acre houselot with all accommodations to it being on the east side of Solomon Martin's houselot.

Granted to him five acres on the east side of the aforesaid four-acre houselot and two acres more his other land in Shawsheen being his division for the two fields.

Granted for his last division for twelve acres houselot, twenty and four acres being in all, thirty and three acres together, bounded on the north with the lands of Daniel Poore and Richard Barker, having three trees marked ~~xxxxxx~~ betwixt them.

Granted to him at the east corner of his other land next the brook, a little parcel of land to make up his street division. The brook is the bounds eastward of his thirty and three acres and southward with Ipswich Way and a swamp next the bridge.

Granted to him an acre be it more or less, Nathan Parker's lands west and north, the way east and south of it, for street division.

Granted to him a meddow lying on the south side of Cochewick River, being three acres more or less.

Granted to him three acres upon Mosquito River eastward of Richard Barker's meddow on the same river.

(THE ABOVE IS ALL IN EDMUND FAULKNER'S HANDWRITING.)

(SEE ALSO ~~PAGE 256~~ FRAME 256 FOR A COPY OF THIS MADE BY BRADSTREET.)

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

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Granted to him six acres in the east end of Deer(?) Meddow and exchanged with Nathan Parker for his meddow lying next to his three acres bounded northwards with the old cartway over Shawsheen Meddow Brook and eastwards with two oaks marked by the meddow's side.

Granted to him six acres of meddow near Pole Hill southward of Solomon Martin's meddow, exchanged with Thomas Johnson for all the meddows near Shoue Meddow that was granted to William Ballard, being all the meddows next John Osgood's for three acres and four acres for three of the meddow betwixt Bald Hill and the former meddow.

Granted to him the cutting all the meddow and Shawsheen Field next his land to the cartway for making some fence, all this land and meddow aforementioned was legally granted to John Stevens and his heirs forever February 1, 1659.

John Osgood
Richard Barker
Nathan Parker

George Abbot, Sr.
John Lovejoy
John Frye

(ALL THE ABOVE APPEARS TO BE IN EDMUND FAULKNER'S HANDWRITING.)

(SEE ALSO 0256 FOR MORE GRANTS. TO JOHN STEVENS)

THE PARTICULAR GRANTS TO NICHOLAS HOLT

Granted to him fourscore acres of land whereof threescore are for his last division, the other twenty for ~~three~~ three years debt due unto him from the town, the which land was laid out by John Lovejoy and Thomas Chandler, thirty acres of it laid out upon the plain called Stony Plain being fourscore rods in length from the north to the south. From the east to the west, three score rods. Bounded on the east with a small swamp and on the west with a swamp.

Fivtie acres where his house doth stand running from a swamp below his house having a great red oak marked, running southwest threescore rods marked with a red oak, and to a little swamp, and westward upon the hill 100 rods marked with a ^{grey} ~~dry~~ walnut turning again northeast threescore rods having upon the northwest a pine swamp with a pond in the middle of it, turning down east a hundred rods upon the side of the hill which measures to 37 acres and a half whether more or less; the other 12 acres and a half ~~thereof~~ lies upon the hill on the southeast side of his house bounded with the stony valley upon the southeast, and because his land was stony, the lotlayers did allow him all the stony land lying ~~beside~~ by the side of his lot to the foot of the great hill lying on the north side of his house and running down to his great meddow.

His great meddow was allowed him for 20 acres, be it more or less.

Granted to him two parcels of meddow, one called Ladle Meddow and the other the Little Meadow, which was for his other division of meddow.

(THE ABOVE APPEARS TO BE IN EDMUND FAULKNER'S WRITING.)

(SEE ALSO FRAME 285 FOR A COPY OF THIS BY SIMON BRADSTREET.)

At a meeting of the selectmen of Andover the 19th of June 167⁷, it was ordered and agreed upon that the surveyors of the town shall have liberty to call forth ye inhabitants of ye town as many days as they shall judge meet, not exceeding four days and are to improve them in mending ye highways about ye town and any being legally warned by having a day's notice and not coming shall forfeit three shillings per day for a man and six shillings for a team (unless illness present). The said forfeiture to be distreined(?) forwith by ye constable and ye one-half to go to ye use of ye town and ye other half to ye surveyor that shall so warn them. ~~six shillings~~ ***

At a town meeting the 3rd of March 1689/90, the town voted this order above to stand til it be repealed by the town and have made this addition to it. (viz) That the surveyors shall appoint _____ to appear at ye place they are to work at the sun ~~and six shillings~~ an hour high with their dinner with them and with such tools as the surveyors shall appoint them to bring, (if they have them and to forfeit sixpence for every hour that they tarry after the above time of sun an hour high, said money to be gathered by the surveyors and to their use of the company that works at that place where the delinquent should have appeared. A rationall allowance for time always to be allowed for them to travel to the place of work and so for men and what time the surveyors shall spend more than the rest of the inhabitants of the town, the town shall pay them for and if one surveyors squadron works in two or more places at once, he shall have liberty to make a deputy or deputies for those places he cannot be with them himself, who shall have power to punish any delinquent as the surveyor might do. Voted and passed as the above said.

(THE ABOVE IS IN DUDLEY BRADSTREET'S HANDWRITING.)

*** This was signed by Dudley Bradstreet, John Osgood, Thomas Chandler, John Frye, and Steven Johnson.

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THE PARTICULAR GRANTS GRANTED TO JOHN FRYE, SR.

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THE NAMES OF THOSE THAT HAVE RUN THE BOUNDS BETWIXT THEIR NEIGHBORS ACCORDING TO AN ORDER BEARING DATE OF JANUARY 1672.

(SEE FRAME 41)

DELINQUENTS

Ensigne Chandler
Mr. Bradstreet
Jno Johnson
Thomas Johnson
Andrew Foster Jr.
William Chandler
Andrew Allin
Andrew Foster, Sr.
Mr. Dane
Jno Stevens
Ephraim Stevens
Jno Russ, Jr.
Jno Frye, Sr.
Nick Holt
Thomas Farnat(?)
Jno Frye, Jr.
Jno Lovejoy
William Ballard
Steven Johnson
Mr. Faulkner
Daniel Poore
Henry Ingalls
Richard Barker
Timothy Johnson
Nathan Stevens
Henry Holt
Hugh Stones
George Abbot, Sr.
Samuel Blanchett
Steven Osgood

Nathan Parker
Lawrence Lacey
Mark Graves
Joseph Parker
Joseph Parker, Jr.
George Abbot, Jr.
John-Russ, -Sr.-
John-Aslet- -
Ralph Farnum
Robert Russell
Left. Osgood
Christopher Osgood
?
Edward Phelps
Samuel-Martin

(THE ABOVE WRITTEN BY ?)



Whereas there was in ye year 1668, 100 acres of land granted to ye ministry and so forever for _____ and John Frye, Sr. and Richard Barker and their heirs and trusted which the same and Left. Osgood and Ensigne Chandler appointed to lay it out. It was accordingly done the 2nd of _____ 1674 and delivered to the abovesaid John Frye and Richard Barker to be improved for the use aforesaid. The bounds of the said land lies(?) on the north which said land of Mr. Francis Dane and ye northend corner by Mr. Dane's his corner tree being a great black _____ at the northwest corner, with a white oak stump marked lying at the southwest corner, with a black oak marked standing near to the meddow of John Frye, Jr.; on the southeast corner with a white oak marked "M" standing near Mosquito Brook.

(THE ABOVE APPEARS TO BE IN DUDLEY BRADSTREET'S WRITING.)

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