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Town of Dartmouth

Council Minutes

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Minutes
of
Dartmouth Town Council

from
May 23rd 1873

to
July 24th 1882

Province of Nova Scotia —

Sign

Hastings Doyle

By His Honor, Lieut General
— Sir Hastings Doyle —
Knight Commander of the most
Distinguished Order of St. Michael
and St. George, Lieut Governor of
Nova Scotia, and Commander
of Her Majesty's Forces in British
North America &c &c &c —

To Nathaniel Russell Esq:

Greeting

By virtue of the power and authority
in me vested, I have thought fit to constitute
and appoint, and do by the advice of the
Executive Council of the said Province,
hereby during pleasure constitute and
appoint you, the said Nathaniel Russell
to be presiding Officer for conducting and
holding the first Municipal Election in the
town of Dartmouth on the 20th day of May
instant —

Hereby granting unto you all the
rights, powers, and advantages which
to the said Office do or may lawfully
appertain, and requiring you diligently
to perform the duties thereof —

Given under my Hand and Seal at Anns
Halifax this Fifth day of May

in the thirty sixth year of Her Majesty's
Reign, A.D. 1873 —

By His Honor's Command

Sign

Wm B Vail
Prov Secy

I, William S. Symonds

do solemnly swear that I will be faithful
and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty
Queen Victoria —

Sign

W. S. Symonds

Sworn this 21 day of
May 1873 at Halifax
in the County of Halifax
before me —

Sign James Thomson

Custos

of the County of Halifax

I, William S. Symonds

do swear that I am duly qualified as
required by Law for the Office of Warden —
that I am seized or possessed as the owner
in my own right, and for my own use and
benefit of real or personal estate in the town
of Dartmouth, of the value of One thousand
dollars beyond the amount of my just debts,
and that I have not obtained the same by
fraud or collusion to qualify myself for office
and I swear that I will faithfully perform
the duties of Warden while I hold the office
with diligence and impartiality to the best
of my ability —
So Help me God —

Sign

W. S. Symonds

Sworn at Halifax in the
County of Halifax this
21st day of May A.D. 1873

Before me —

Sign

James Thomson

Custos of the County of Halifax

Province of Nova Scotia

Town of
Dartmouth

We the undersigned

James W Johnston
Joseph W Allan
Councillors elected for Ward number one

John Forbes
William J Murray
Councillors elected for Ward number two

Thomas A Hyde
Francis J Mumford
Councillors elected for Ward number three

Town of Dartmouth
do severally solemnly swear that we will
be faithful and bear true Allegiance to
Her Majesty Queen Victoria
So help me God

Sworn to before me at
Dartmouth in the County
of Halifax this 22nd day
of May A.D. 1873 by the
abor named

James W Johnston
Joseph W Allan
John Forbes
Wm J Murray
Thos A Hyde
Francis J Mumford

Sig^d James W Johnston
Joseph W Allan
John Forbes
William J Murray
Thos A Hyde
Francis J Mumford

Sig^d W. S. Symonds Warden

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Dartmouth

Friday Evening
23rd May 1873

First meeting of the Council held this
Evening at the residence of the Warden

Present W. S. Symonds Warden
Councillors } J. W. Johnston
 } Jos W. Allan
 } John Forbes
 } Wm J. Murray
 } H. A. Hyde
 } J. S. Mumford

Councillor J. W. Johnston appointed to act
as Secretary

- Applications for Office of Town Clerk read
1. from Mr. John C. Rogers
 2. " " James Wilson
 3. " " John Schofield
 4. " " Thomas S. Allan
 5. " " John McBain
 6. " " Edward Foster

Moved and seconded that the voting
for Town Clerk be by ballot - passed -

Ballot went round and Mr. H. S. Short
elected -

Councillors Forbes and Allan a Committee
to report a place of meeting to the Council at
its next meeting -

Moved by Councillor Forbes and seconded
by Coun. Hyde that the Executive Officers
of the various Public Departments of the Town
be requested by the Warden to hand in their
Books & Papers in their possession, relating to
their departments, properly indexed, at the
next meeting of the Council - passed -

Moved that Coun. Johnston, Forbes & Hyde
be a Committee on Bye Laws - passed -

John C. Rogers
requested to read.
Book is apt.

Moved by Coun: Johnston and Seconded by
Coun: Allan that Coun: Allan, Mumford
and Forbes be a Committee on roads - passed -

Moved by Coun: Johnston, Seconded by
Coun: Hyde that Four Councillors form
a quorum - passed -

Moved by Coun: Forbes Seconded by Coun: Mumford
that Coun: Johnston, Hyde & Murray be
a School Board - passed -

Moved by Coun: Hyde Seconded by Coun: Allan
that the present Fire and Police Constable
be reappointed - passed -

Moved by Coun: Forbes Seconded by Coun: Allan
that Coun: Murray and Mumford, be a
Fire Board and Head of Fire Department, passed -

Moved by Coun: Allan Seconded by Coun:
Forbes that Henry J. Horne
Thos G. Elliott and
Leander Mumford
be health Wardens for the town of Dartmouth
passed -

Moved by Coun: Forbes Seconded by Coun:
Allan that Coun: Johnston, Mumford
and Murray be a Committee on Public
Property - passed -

Moved by Coun: Mumford Seconded by
Coun: Allan that the memorial relative to
the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway
at Dartmouth be adopted - passed -

Moved by Coun: Murray and Seconded by
Coun: Allan that Coun: Johnston, Forbes
and Hyde be a Committee on Public
Property - passed -

Meeting adjourned

W. S. Squires
Jas. Ward

Samuel Smith
Secy for town

27
Dartmouth

Tuesday Evening

27th May 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at the residence of the Warden

Present W. S. Summons Warden
Councillors } J. W. Johnston
J. W. Allan
John Forbes
Geo. J. Murray
Thos. A. Hyde
Francis C. Mumford

Minutes of meeting held on the 23rd Inst. read and confirmed —

Moved by Councillor Forbes seconded by Councillor Murray that the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Warden, procure the necessary Books and Stationery for the use of the Town Clerk in the various requirements of his office — passed —

Moved by Councillor Forbes seconded by Councillor Murray that the Town Clerk notify the Applicants for that office that the Council have made the Appointment — passed —

Moved by Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor Hyde that Councillors Forbes, Allan & Mumford be a Committee to take plans & Specifications for the proper alteration of the Town Buildings and to report the same to the Council — passed —

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Allan that the memorial relative to the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway, be engrossed and sent to the Hon. Secretary with a request that he forward the same to the Governor General and that 100 copies of the memorial be printed — passed —

Moved by Councillor Forbes seconded by Councillor Hyde, that though the Council regret the misapprehension which has manifestly occupied

The mind of the Fire Wardens in reference to the appointment of two of the members of Council as a fire Committee, and which seems to have led to their resignation yet that the Council receive the resignation (which was now read by the Town Clerk) of the Fire Wardens, and the Town Clerk notify them of the same, and that others be at once appointed — passed —

Moved by Counc Johnstone and Seconded by Counc Murray that a Chairman of Fire Wards be appointed from the Council and two fire Wardens from the Town, passed

Moved by Counc Boyd and Seconded by Counc Murray that Counc Forbes be appointed in connection with the Fire Wards — passed —

Moved by Counc Murray and Seconded by Counc Allan that Mr John White and Mr Peter Menah be fire wards in conjunction with Counc Forbes as Chairman, passed

Moved by Counc Johnstone & Seconded by Counc Drummond that the plan and specifications handed into the Council by the Fire Wardens relative to the alteration of the Town Building be returned to the Fire Wards, the same having been procured by them on their own responsibility and without authority — passed —

Moved by Counc Forbes & Seconded by Counc Murray that Appraisers be appointed and sworn for the purpose of appraising the value of all the property of the Corporation and that the Town Clerk be directed as soon as possible to provide them a detailed return of the same, and that the remuneration for said Service be provided by the Council, and that Mr W Russell, Mr D Waddle and Mr A M Gray be appraisers for the purpose — passed —

Dartmouth
Monday Evening
9th June 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this Evening at the residence of the Warden

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|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Present | W. S. Sumonds | Warden |
| Councillors | J. W. Johnston | |
| | J. W. Allan | |
| | John Forbes | |
| | Wm. J. Murray | |
| | Thos. A. Hyde | |
| | J. Mumford | |

Moved by Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor
Hyde that the following report of the Committee
on Streets be received

The Committee on Streets beg to report
that not having received any Books or
Papers relating to the Street Service, they
have been unable to prepare any detailed
report of the conditions or requirements
of the Service as yet

Sig. John Forbes Chairman
Francis Mumford
Jos. W. Allan

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by
Councillor Murray that the Communication rec^d
and read from A. James Esq. be referred
to the Committee of Streets to take such
action as they may deem expedient

Moved by Councillor Hyde seconded by
Councillor Forbes that Mr. Thos. S. Allan be requested
to act with the Town Clerk in the collection
of all rates due the Municipality for the
current year, and that he receive the
customary per centage for the same, and
also provide the Clerk with a full list of
names of rate payers in the Municipality

Moved by Counc. Johnston seconded by Counc. Allan, that the Town Clerk address a communication to the Trustees of Schools within the Municipality, notifying them that the Council do not recognize their right to collect any of the School rates, within the Town, but that they be required to at once comply with the request formerly made to them, and hand over all monies collected by them together with all the Books to for School purposes since the last assessment, and that on the receipt of the same the Council will allow & pay to the Secretary the usual Commission on the amount so collected and paid there - Taped.

Moved by Counc. Murray seconded by Counc. Forbes that the Town Treasurer be authorized to open an account with the Halifax Bank and that he deposit all monies therein, and pay all accounts by Cheque countersigned by the Warden - Taped -

Moved by Counc. Murray seconded by Counc. Mumford that a Committee of three be appointed for Licenses, and to report at subsequent meeting, and that Councillors Johnston Allan and Forbes compose said Committee - Taped -

Moved by Counc. Mumford seconded by Counc. Murray, that the Police Constable be instructed to call the names of all parties liable for Statute Labor in the Municipality and hand the same to the Town Clerk - Taped.

Moved by Counc. Forbes seconded by Counc. Mumford that the Police Constable be only required to collect the names in Ward 2, and that Thomas Fairall perform the duty for Ward 3 and Thomas Waugh perform the duty in Ward 1, and that the last 2 names be paid a reasonable amount for that service - and that so much of the last resolution as is thus conflicted will be hereby rescinded - Taped.

Moved by Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Forbes that the Town provide a summer uniform for the Policeman, and that the Warden be requested to procure the same. *Passed.*

Moved by Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Forbes, that the Warden be requested to procure a suitable safe for the use of the Town.

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Hyde, that for the present a Chest on Wheels be procured for holding the Books, Papers, and Documents of the Town.

to vote for Amendment 3
" Original Resolution 3

The Warden then declared in favor of the Amendment.

Moved by Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor Munford that the following report of the Committee appointed to procure Accommodation and the necessary furniture for the meetings of the Council be received. *Passed.*

The Committee have given the matter consideration, and recommend that at present the meetings of Council be held in the building recently purchased by the Town, it having been put in a condition for temporary Accommodation. They have also given Messrs Gordon & Smith an order for the necessary furniture, and wish that future meetings of Council may be held there.

Sig: J. Forbes
Jas W. Allan

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Allan that the following report of the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. H. Elliott respecting the prolongation of Fitz Williams Street be received. *Passed.*

The Committee beg to report that upon first naming the subject to Mr. Elliott, he

waived the matter and declined conferring with your Committeemen, at the time upon the subject. your Committeemen would request permission to take another fitting opportunity of conferring with Mr Elliott upon the matter —

Sig: John Forbes

Moved by Counr Johnston, seconded by Counr Mumford, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the supplying the town of Dartmouth with water, to obtain the assistance of an Engineer if required and to report to a Committee of the whole Council, and that in the mean time all further action in reference to fire tanks be suspended. Counr Forbes Johnston and Mumford were appointed the Committee — Passed —

Counr Mumford reported that Mr J. C. Elliott has built a foundation for a building on Stairs Street, some 7 or 8 feet on said Street —

Moved by Counr Johnston seconded by Counr Murray, that the Town Clerk notify Mr J. C. Elliott that the foundation by him recently erected is on the Public Street, and that he is required to remove the same forthwith, and that the Committee be requested to take the necessary action in the matter — Passed —

Moved by Counr Forbes seconded by Counr Allan, that the Warden be authorized to visit tenders for the prosecution of a proper and complete survey of the streets within the Municipality, with the grading profiles of the same — Passed —

Moved by Counr Forbes seconded by Counr Hyas that the whole subject of alterations upon the property recently acquired by the town to fit it for the required purposes be referred to a Committee on Public Property — previously appointed, and that they

are hereby authorized to obtain plans and take tenders for same - Passed - Moved by Comr Forbes seconded by Comr Murray that Joseph H Austin William R Angwin and Tho Stevens be auditors on Public Accounts, for the current year - Passed -

Moved by Comr Mumford seconded by Comr Snyder, that the Town Clerk be instructed to request that Messrs Wm Fraser and Gillard, that the Steep now held by them will be required to be handed over to the Public on or before the 1st day of October next - Passed -

The Town Clerk was directed to renew the Insurance on Wooden dwelling Engines Houses, Police Court and also Fire Engines -

A letter was read from Wm Woodman with reference to granting license as an Auctioneer, the Town Clerk was directed to acknowledge the same

The Council appointed the under-mentioned Town Officers for the year -

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Surveyors of lumber | John B Whidden |
| | John J Wisdom |
| Senior Viewers | Thomas Farrell |
| | Wm Glendinning |
| | Paul Kingsborow |
| Measures of Grain | Edw Whisby Super |
| Wood & Coal | John Swaffer |
| | W Murray |
| | S McKay |
| Measures of Hay & Straw | D G Farrell |
| Assessors of Poor | Councillor W Allan |
| | Ch Russell J P |
| | Charles Robson |
| Clk of Licenses | Town Clerk |
| Clk of Markets | |
| Supr: Weigh's Measures | |

Moved by Wm Murray seconded by Wm
Hyde that the account presented for
Amount of Salary of Police Constables to
the 1st June 1873 be paid by £100⁰⁰ Paper
Meeting adjourned

W. S. Symonds
Warden

Thos. A. Hyde
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday Evening
7th July 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this evening at the Town Hall

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|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Present | W. S. Symonds | Warden |
| | J. W. Johnston | |
| | J. W. Allan | |
| Councillors | John Forbes | |
| | Wm. J. Murray | |
| | Thos. A. Hyde | |
| | F. J. Mumford | |

Minutes of meetings held on the
27th May and 9th June read and confirmed.
The Town Clerk read report of Audit
Committee on the accounts of the late
Commissioners of Poor

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded
by Wm. Hyde, that in having been brought
to the notice of the Council by the Auditors
that Mr. Farrell, as Secy. & Treasurer of the
Poor, demands a whole years salary since
his appointment in March last, as
such Secy. & Treas. and refuses to hand
over the Books and papers until that
Amount is paid him, the Town Clerk
is hereby instructed to notify Mr. Farrell
that the Council will pay him our quarter

Salary from March last at the rate of \$30 per year, in full of his claim against the town for his services, and request him to hand over all papers books + documents in his possession relating to said service passed

A letter was read from Policeman Isenor applying for ten days leave of absence on account of ill health which request was granted, and Mr. Haugh was appointed to act during his absence

Moved by Coun. Forbes seconded by Coun. Johnston that the safe offered to the Council by the Warden which he recently purchased for the sum of One hundred dollars be taken by the Council at the price named passed

Moved by Coun. Forbes seconded by Coun. Hyde, that there now exists in the municipality a large number of places where intoxicating liquors are sold at retail, and drunk upon the premises. and whereas, In the opinion of this Council the No. now existing is quite sufficient for all purposes of utility in and to the community, and whereas it is the opinion of this Council that an increase in the number of such places will not tend to the peace and welfare of the municipality and would, not improbably, increase the town expenses without any offsetting advantages therefore resolved that no licenses in addition to those now existing be issued during the remainder of the current municipal year.

(issued)

Moved in amendment by Coun. Johnston seconded by Coun. J. J. Mumford, that it be left with the Warden and 2 Councilors to grant licenses in their discretion for the remainder of the year For

For the Amendment &
 Original resolution &
 The Warden then declared in favor of
 the original resolution

Moved by Councillor Forbes seconded by
 Councillor Allan that the account for printing
 and Blackader Bros be left to Camp Johnston
 and by Troop Eng J P who contracted it
 and that incense be furnished by the
 Town to their order for its liquidation,
 they to make the best terms they can
 as to the charges passed

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by
 Councillor Forbes that an Auction license be
 granted to J D Woodman for 3 months
 from this date for the sum of Ten dollars,
 and such license to be subject to the
 future action of the Bye Laws passed

Town Clerk read a letter from
 Dr. Cogswell relating to Road Labour
 when it was moved by Councillor Murray and
 seconded by Councillor Johnston, that the letter
 be referred to the Committee on Street paper

Moved by Councillor Murray seconded by
 Councillor Forbes, that it is frequently the case
 that from a lack of some system for the
 delivery of letters to their various addresses
 considerable inconvenience is experienced
 by the residents of the Municipality, therefore
 Resolved that it is the opinion of this
 Council that some arrangement should
 be made for the free delivery of letters
 within the limits of the Municipality
 and Resolved that a copy of this resolution
 be forwarded to the Post Master General through
 the appropriate Channel with a request that
 such official action be taken as to secure
 the end named passed

Moved by Councillor Hyde seconded by
 Councillor Forbes It being brought to the notice
 of this Council that a poor Swane girl by

By name of Walsh having a small house left her by relatives for her to live in, and said Miss Walsh has heretofore had her tases taken off, we are of opinion that under the circumstances of her being of insane mind her tases ought to be remitted passed

A letter was read from F. Dunbrack relative to school tax, it was moved by Coun Forbes seconded by Coun Allan that the matter referred to be handed to Committee on Schools

The report of the Committee on Streets was read, when it was moved by Coun Johnston seconded by Coun Murray that it be received passed

Moved by Coun Johnston seconded by Coun Murray that the report of the Committee on Streets be adopted passed

Moved by Coun Johnston seconded by Coun Murray that that the report handed in by Coun Forbes be referred back to the Street Committee giving them the power to take the advice of Council and all other powers necessary for the prosecution of the duties assigned them passed

Moved by Coun Allan seconded by Coun Forbes that Coun Johnston prepare the Bond of the Town Clerk. passed

Moved by Coun Forbes seconded by Coun Allan that the Committee on the railway memorial be authorized to have the necessary number of copies printed at the expense of the Town passed

Meeting adjourned

W. Synards
Treasurer

Thos. Short
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Friday Evening
25th July 1873

A Special meeting of the Council
was held this evening at the Town
Hall at 8 pm

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|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Present | W. S. Summons | Warden |
| Councillors | W. J. Murray | |
| | John Forbes | |
| | J. W. Johnston | |
| | J. W. Allan | |
| | J. J. Mumford | |

The Warden stated this special
meeting was called for the purpose
of considering the propriety of presenting
an address from the inhabitants
of the Municipality of Dartmouth
to His Excellency Lord Dufferin, the
Governor General of the Dominion of
Canada

Moved and seconded that
Councillors Johnston, Forbes, and Allan
to be the Committee to prepare the
address. Passed unanimously
Meeting adjourned

W. S. Summons
Warden

J. J. Mumford
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Thursday Evening
31st July 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this evening at the Town Hall

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|-------------|---------------|--------|
| Present | W. S. Symonds | Warden |
| Councillors | W. J. Murray | |
| | J. Mumford | |
| | S. H. Allan | |
| | John Forbes | |

The Warden suggested the propriety
of adjourning this meeting, in order
that the Council may have an opportunity
of attending the Gov. General's Levée
which is to take place at 9 pm

Moved by Coun. Forbes and seconded
by Coun. Allan that this meeting
do adjourn passed

W. S. Symonds
Warden

H. S. Shook
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Friday Evening
1st August 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this evening at the Town Hall

Present W. S. Symonds Warden
J. W. Johnston
J. W. Allan
Councillors W. S. Murray
John Forbes
J. Mumford
Thos. A. Boyd

Minutes of meetings held on the 7th
25th and 31st July read and confirmed

Moved by Comm. Forbes seconded by
Comm. Murray, that as the time is now
near at hand at which if at all this
Council should on behalf of the Town
extend the courtesy of an invitation to
the Governor General to pay Dartmouth
a visit and afford the Town the opportunity
of extending a welcome to this distinguished
Representative of the Crown - Resolved
that the regular business of the Council
be suspended to a decision of this subject
being taken up - passed

Moved by Comm. Johnston seconded
by Comm. Allan, that a Committee be appointed
to make all arrangements for the reception
of His Excellency the Governor General in
Dartmouth on such day as may be most
convenient to His Excellency, and that
the address from the Council be presented
at that time - passed

Moved by Comm. Mumford seconded
by Comm. Murray that the Committee
appointed to prepare an address to
the

The Governor General be reappointed to carry out the arrangements for the reception of His Excellency in Dartmouth passed

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Murray that the resolution limiting the granting of further licenses in the town of Dartmouth be rescinded and that the Council grant a license to Mr. John Gaston, and being put to vote there were 3 for and 3 against it, the Warden declared against the resolution, the names having been requested to be called were as follows for the resolution Councillors Johnston Murray and Murray against it Councillors Hyde Forbes and Allan, and the Warden

Moved by Councillor Murray seconded by Councillor Hyde that the report with reference to a certain piece of land purchased from J. C. Elliott Esq. be accepted, and the Committee of Streets be empowered to get the necessary papers and transfer to the town passed

Moved by Councillor Forbes seconded by Councillor Murray. As the liabilities of the town and the requirements of funds for the purposes of the business of the municipality are frequently in advance of the collection of the various rates due the town. Resolved therefore that the Warden be requested to make arrangements with the Halifax Bank for the overdrawing of the account for such liabilities as require such advances, not to exceed one thousand dollars passed

Meeting adjourned

J. Hyman
Warden

Thos. Short
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Monday Evening
4th August 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this evening at the Town Hall

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|-------------|----------------------|
| Present | W. S. Symonds Warden |
| | J. W. Johnston |
| | J. W. Allan |
| Councillors | J. W. Forbes |
| | W. S. Murray |
| | Thos. A. Hyde |
| | J. Mumford |

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st
read and confirmed

Moved by Coun. Johnston seconded
by Coun. Murray that Coun. Hyde be
requested to communicate with Mr.
George Farrell, with a view to the
settlement of the difficulties between
him and the Town and to report the
result of his interview to the Council

Moved by Coun. Forbes seconded
by Coun. Mumford, that the report of
School Committee, referring to payment
of claims by P. Rubin for ironies paid
to post offices on order from A. H. Corbin
be adopted, and the money paid, passed

Moved by Coun. Murray seconded
by Coun. Mumford, that the regular
business of the evening be suspended
in order to take into consideration the
plan of the contemplated alterations to
the Town Hall passed

Moved by Coun. Johnston seconded
by Coun. Forbes that the plan and
specification for the alteration of the
Town Hall be accepted, and that tenders
be

to be advertised for, to be put in within
Ten days - passed.

Moved by Comr Johnston seconded
by Comr Snyder. Whereas one of the
Public Thoroughfares of the town was
found to be closed against the Public
by the Creation of a fence or other
obstruction against it.

And whereas the Street Committee
with the sanction of this Council
removed the nuisance so obstructing
the Public Thoroughfare.

And whereas Andrew Sheils Esq on
the Complaint under oath of Lewis &
Fairbanks charging that Tho Farrell
unlawfully and maliciously cut and
carried away a certain gate and fence
of him the said Lewis & Fairbanks
being the boundary line between his
Canal property and City William Sheob
on which Complaint the said A Sheils
issued a warrant against the said
Thomas Farrell.

And whereas the said Thomas Farrell
acted as the servant of and under the
direction of a Committee of this Council.

Therefore resolved that this Council
will assume and defend the acts of the
Street Committee in the premises and
those of M Farrell done under their
orders.

And further resolved that if Mr
Fairbanks deems that he has any
right to obstruct a public Thoroughfare
of the town the proper course to establish
his right to do so is by action at law
against the town, and not by applying
for Criminal process against a servant
of the Council acting under their orders.

And resolved that whereas the letter

to the land in case of necessity. Come in question in any investigation against Thomas Farrell under the said Warrant on which a Justice of the Peace has no power to adjudicate. The Council with all deference submit that the proper action for Mr. Sheil to pursue is to dismiss the Complaint and leave Mr. Fairbanks to seek his remedy at law.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to A. Sheil Esq. & passed.

Moved by Comr. Murray seconded by Comr. Johnston, that the motion restricting the granting of licenses be rescinded, and that the granting of licenses be in the discretion of the Warden and the Committee on Licenses.

Moved in Amendment by Comr. Hyde seconded by Comr. Allen that the subject of rescinding the resolution on Licenses be deferred until next meeting of a full attendance of Councillors. For the Amendment Comr. Hyde & Allen for the resolution Comr. Johnston, Murray & Humphreys.

Comr. Johnston gave notice for the next meeting that the Water Lots now occupied by the Chebucto Marine Slip be conveyed to the Company in fee simple as requested by the President of the Comp. and that Appraisers be appointed to value the property under the provisions of Cap 20 of the Act of 1873.

A letter was read from J. H. Little Esq. Secy. Poor's Commissioners Halifax, requesting payment for maintenance of Paupers in the

the year 1872, amounting to \$244.⁶⁶ and which was referred to the Com. of Poor to report upon.

Accounts were presented from

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|---------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Mr Wilson | Repairing Pumps | \$ 2.75 |
| Rowes & Son | Printing | 36.50 |
| Mechanics Institute | Rent | 3.00 |
| Maurice Downey | Glazing | 14.50 |
| Cross Hill & Co | Printing | 2.25 |

Each having been found correct, directions were given for the payment of the same.

Meeting adjourned

Wm Lymonds
Warden

Thos. Short
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Wednesday Evening
20th August 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at the Town Hall

Present

Wm Lymonds Warden

Thos A. Hyde

J. Mumford

Jas Forbes

W J Murray

J W Allan

J W Johnston

Minutes of meeting held on the 4th inst. read and confirmed

Tenders were received from

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| Messrs Horton & Johnston | \$ 11.522 |
| Thos J. Young | 8948 |
| J J Hurrell | 8624 |
| Wm E. Steep | 7887 |
| J W Philpotts | 7500 |

for the

proposed alterations of the Town Hall
 Moved by Coun. Forbes seconded by
 Coun. Hyatt, that the tenders for the
 alteration and improvement, deemed
 necessary by the Council, upon the
 building recently purchased by the
 town to fit it for the various requirements
 of the public, show that the sum required
 for such purposes exceeds what has
 been heretofore contemplated.

Therefore resolved that a meeting
 be called for the purpose of presenting
 the case to the rate payers and asking
 them in view of the urgency of the case
 in anticipation of the Annual Meeting
 to sanction the action of Council, and
 authorize the issue of debentures for the
 purpose named.

Resolved that such meeting be
 called for Monday the 25th inst at 7.00
 pm in this building, and that due
 notice be given by the usual manner
 in hand bills. Passed.

Moved by Coun. Murray seconded
 by Coun. Forbes, that the Warden be
 requested to convey the thanks of the
 Council to S. P. Fairbanks Esq: for the
 Books upon Municipalities, he so kindly
 presented to the town for the use of
 Council. Passed.

Moved by Coun. Johnston seconded
 by Coun. Forbes, that the Town Clerk put
 himself in communication with Mr. Liddle
 and obtain the items of the Charges
 rendered by the Commissioners of the Poor
 for the information of the Council. Passed.

A letter was read from W. C. Rogers
 wanting a lease for a certain portion of
 the Common, and on motion, it was
 referred to the Committee on Public Property.

A tender was received from Mr. J. S. Van Buskirk for a Survey of the Municipality for \$1000. The Town Clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt and to inform Mr. Van Buskirk that the Council reserve it for further consideration.

Moved by Comr Murray seconded by Comr Mumford, that Councillors Hyatt and Allan be the audit committee of Council on Public Accounts. passed.

Meeting adjourned.

W. Synnards
Warden

Thos. L. Smith
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Wednesday Evening
1st October 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at the Town Hall.

Present

Councillors

- J. W. Johnston
- W. S. Murray
- J. W. Allan
- Thos. A. Hyatt
- J. Mumford
- John Forbes

The Warden being unavoidably absent on urgent private business, it was moved seconded and passed unanimously that Councillor Johnston, take the Chair.

Minutes of meeting held on the 20 Aug^r read and confirmed.

Moved by Comr Murray seconded by Comr Mumford, that the sum of thirteen hundred dollars of the Municipal funds be loaned to Council to appropriate.

as an instalment for Town Hall and
 credited to Common funds, the same
 to be repaid with interest at four
 per cent so soon as Debentures can be
 sold *passed*

Moved by Comr Forbes seconded
 by Comr Murray, that Tenders will
 be received by the Town Clerk of Dartmouth
 until the first day of November next for
 the purchase of Forty ~~hundred~~ debentures
 of the Town of One hundred dollars each
 at Six per cent interest for the payment
 of the purchase of the Town Hall pursuant
 to the act of incorporation *passed*

Moved by Comr Allan seconded
 by Comr Forbes, that as Mr Geo Jarrell
 has not seen fit to accept the terms
 proposed by Comr Hyde to settle the
 matter of the Poor A/c accounts, resolved
 that Mr Jarrell be notified and required
 to hand the Books, notes of Hand and
 other property belonging to the Town, to
 the Town Clerk on or before Saturday next
 failing which that legal steps be taken
 at once to compel him to hand over
 the same *passed*

Moved by Comr Murray seconded by
 Comr Hyde, that the Town Clerk be
 directed to render to S. P. Fairbanks Esq
 a warrant of the outlay incurred in
 repairing the Bridge over the inclined
 plane, and request a prompt settlement
 of the same

Meeting adjourned

W. H. Murray
 Warden

Thos. Short
 Town Clerk

Darlington

Thursday Evening

2nd October 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this evening at the Town Hall

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| Present | W. S. Symonds | Warden |
| Councillors | J. W. Johnston | |
| | J. W. Allan | |
| | W. J. Murray | |
| | J. Mumford | |
| | Thos. A. Sydes | |

Minutes of meeting held on the 1st inst read and confirmed

Moved by Coun Sydes seconded by Coun Mumford that Coun Johnston in connection with the Trust Com^{rs} of Gov. W. Russell + J. W. Allan be appointed to confer with the Hon^{ble} Mr. Rail to arrange matters in connection with Gov. Account. Passed

Moved by Coun Johnston seconded by Coun Murray that the application made by the Universalists for the use of the Town Hall for Divine Service, be granted on the following conditions viz^t One dollar as rent for each time the Hall is so occupied, and the Universalists to procure their own Fuel, Furniture, &c. Passed

Read letter from Mr. E. Mosely wanting the Council to rent him the Public Dock at the foot of Church Street. It was moved by Coun Allan seconded by Coun Sydes that Mr. Mosely's letter be referred to the Committee on Public Property. Passed

The Town Clerk was directed to ascertain from W. Clerk Esq. Clerk

Clerk of the Peace, if the sum of One hundred and ninety dollars, the amount voted at a Public meeting of the rate payers of Dartmouth, held on the 3 March 1873 to reimburse a Police Magistrate and Constable for Expenses incurred in the discharge of their duty, had been included in the Assessment for the present year

Moved by Comr Hyde seconded by Comr Murray that the Application of John F. Mott Esq relative to the Appointment of an Appraiser to value a certain piece of land in connection with the Chiclico Marine Railway, be deferred until a full meeting of the Council, passed

The report of the School Committee was read, which Comr Mumford read and Comr Allan seconded, that the report be received and adopted

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| Accounts were presented from | | |
| Mechanics Institute rent | | \$10.00 |
| do | do | 3.00 |
| J. E. Seady | Truck Hire | 3.00 |
| J. W. Allan | Lumber | 6.14 |
| Jno Misener | Gravel | .42 |
| Jas Simmonds | Lundries | 2.90 |
| Geo Whately | Mason Work | 36.00 |
| W. Beland | Cleaning Hull | 3.00 |
| H. Isenor | Police Acc ^t | 4.50 |
| John Dillman | 107 loads Earth | 8.56 |
| Misener & Gaston | Coffin | 3.00 |
| Misener & Gaston | Found | 4.50 |
| J. Crosshill | Printing | 1.25 |
| J. E. Lawlor | Commission | .70 |
| Eaton & Fryce | Engrossing address | 15.00 |
| J. Crosshill | Printing | 2.25 |
| Roscoe & Son | Printing | 36.50 |
| Geo Waugh | Collecting taxes | 42.60 |
| W. J. Muir | Stationery | 1.50 |
| W. J. Muir | Stationery | 112.70 |

each account having been found
 correct directions were given for the
 payment of the same
 Meeting adjourned

W. Symonds
 Warden

Thos. Short
 Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Tuesday Evening

14th October 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
 this evening at the Town Hall

Present W. Symonds Warden
 J. W. Johnston
 W. S. Murray
 Thos. A. Hyde
 J. W. Allan
 John Forbes

Minutes of meeting held on the 9th inst.
 read and confirmed.

Read letter from Mr. H. Isenor, Policeman
 tendering his resignation from 1st Nov.
 which was accepted, and Thos. W. Wagh
 was unanimously appointed as his
 successor.

A communication was received
 and read from W. J. Frazer Esq. relative
 to a certain piece of ground near the
 Chubucto Marine Railway, and which
 was referred to a full meeting of the
 Council.

Moved by Councillor Hyde seconded by
 Councillor Murray that the matter of the
 sale of a piece of ground by J. C. Elliott Esq.
 be referred to the Street Committee for their
 consideration.

Moved by Comr Allan seconded by Comr Hydr that the Treasurer pay the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars to G. Shields Esq: J.P. in accordance with the vote of the Rate Payers at the Town meeting on the 3rd March 1873 passed

A communication was received from Miss Major, which was referred to the School Committee

Read letter from Mr. P. Sturtevant relating to the sale of a piece of land, which was referred to the Street Committee

Read letter from D. Parker relating to certain drains near his property, it was decided to refer it to the Street Committee

Moved by Comr Forbes seconded by Comr Allan, that the growing requirements of the Town render necessary the appointment of some officer qualified to serve the Town in cases requiring knowledge of legal forms, and capable of giving legal advice to the Council and the several Departments of the Public Service, and also qualified to act as Stipendiary Magistrate. Therefore resolved that the Council consider at once the advisability of making such an appointment without further delay passed

Moved by Comr Allan seconded by Comr Forbes that the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder be \$400 per annum passed

Moved by Comr Hydr seconded by Comr Murray that John F. Payson Esq. be appointed Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder for the town of Dartmouth passed

Meeting adjourned

W. Sprague
Warden

J. P. Short
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Wednesday Evening
5th November 1873

A Special Meeting of the Council
was held this Evening at the Town Hall

Present W S Symonds Warden
Johnston
Allan
Councillors - Murray
Forbes
Hoyde
Munford

The Warden stated this special
meeting was called for the purpose of
investigating a charge preferred
against Mr Sachville McStay, Coal
measurer by Dr DeWolf Superintendent
of the Hospital for Insane

The evidence of the under mentioned
persons was taken

The Warden suggested the necessity
of appointing a Committee of the Council
and having vacated the Chair Town
Johnston took the same when the
evidence of the under mentioned person
on behalf of the Superintendent of the
Insane Hospital, was received

by Mr Dickson
Mr Chapman
McStay
James Wilson
George Downey
Thos McAllen
Dr Fraser
James Riley

W S Symonds
Warden

Mr Sachville McStay was also examined
meeting adjourned Thos Forb Jun Clerk

Dartmouth

Friday Evening

14 Nov 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this Evening at the Town Hall

Present Mr Symonds Warden

Johnston

Allan

Councillors —

Hyde

Memford

Murray

Forbes

Minutes of meeting held on the 14th Oct and 5th inst read and confirmed

A petition was received and read from Mr John Bowes and other Gentlemen calling the attention of the Council to the large quantity of water in the Canal and the dangerous condition of the Town bay gate, valves &c and praying that the Council take prompt action in the matter

G. A. S. Crichton Esq being present was requested to express his views on the present condition of the Canal, who stated that in his opinion the Town bay gate, safety valves and waste weir are in a very dangerous condition, and from the present great pressure of water, cannot for any moment be depended upon

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Murray that the following resolution be at once sent to Mr L. P. Fairbank

Whereas a petition has been addressed to the Warden & Council setting forth the imminent danger to Public & Private property from the quantity and pressure of the water in the first Canal, and the insufficiency of the gates to resist the pressure

Resolved that this matter and the necessity of immediate action in order to avert the impending peril, be at once brought to the notice of Mr. Fairbanks, and that he be requested to open the valves in the Town bay gate, at the foot of the first falls at once, in order to remove in some measure the pressure of the water and to enable the gates and works to be examined, and their condition reported upon, and that Mr. Fairbanks be at the same time notified that if the valves are not opened by eight o'clock tomorrow morning that a Committee of the Council will attend at said o'clock and cause the valves to be opened as the speediest and most available means to prevent the danger that now threatens - passed

A petition was also received and read from H. J. Horn, Worshipful Master and the Officers of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 51 of Free and Accepted Masons praying that the Taxes on the Furniture or Paraphernalia be remitted, this ancient institution being for charitable purposes - passed

Moved by Comr. Hyde seconded by Comr. Murray that the prayer of the petition of Mr. Horn and others be granted - passed

Moved by Comr. Johnson seconded by Comr. Hyde that the account furnished the Council for renewing the Bridges and the Canal the property of Mr. Fairbanks be at once placed in the hands of the Recorder - passed

The Committee on Public property verbally reported that they do not feel justified in recommending the renting of the Dock at the foot of Church Street to Mr. [unclear]

Moved by Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Forbes that the report of the Committee in the case of Mr. Moseley be received and adopted. *passed*

Moved by Councillor Forbes seconded by Councillor Allan. Whereas the Marine Slip Company has applied to the Council for the purchase by them of a certain Public Dock and whereas the Council are empowered by the act of the Legislature to sell the same, therefore resolved that the property in question be sold to them at a price to be awarded upon the terms named in the Act of Incorporation.

Moved in Amendment by Councillor Boyd seconded by Councillor Innesford that as Mr. W. J. Fraser has represented to this Council that to sell the dock applied for by the Marine Railway Co. will be injurious to his property, be it resolved to request Mr. Fraser to meet one of the Directors of Marine Railway at a special meeting of the Council, so that they may be heard on the subject of the action before the whole Council.

on vote for amendment 3

Original resolution 3

Councillor Forbes requested permission to withdraw his resolution - granted

Moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Forbes that W. Russell Esq. be requested to place a Stone in the Town Hall - *passed*

The Committee on Roads reported in reference to a letter from J. Cairns Esq. dated 13 Oct. relative to the state of the road across the Dartmouth Common, that the season is too far advanced to do justice to the road.

Meeting adjourned.

Wm. J. Fraser
J. Cairns Esq.
Town Clerk

Darlington
- Saturday Evening
15 Nov 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this evening at the Town Hall

Present

Councillors

- Johnston
- Murray
- Hyde
- Allan
- Mumford
- Torles

In the absence of the Warden the Chair
was taken by Councillor Johnston who stated
this meeting was called for the purpose
of receiving the report of the Committee
appointed at the meeting held last
evening in reference to the dangerous
condition of the Four Bay Gate, Safety
Valves and wash weirs on the Canal
property.

The Committee reported that the
quantity of water at present in the
Canal is very great and apparently
a strong strain is bearing against
the Four Bay Gate, which from the length
of time it has been placed in its present
position must of necessity be much
decayed, and that they engaged the
services of Mr Henry Findlay who had
formerly taken the charge of the Gates
Dams to attend to the opening of the
Valves on the Canal Waters and to report
from time to time on their condition
the reduction of the water, and until further
directions are given. Moved by Councillor
Torles seconded by Councillor Hyde that the report be
received & adopted. Meeting adjourned
at the Town Hall

W. G. Murray
Warden

Dartmouth

Monday

17 November 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this day at 9 pm at the Town Hall

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| Present | W. S. Symonds Warden |
| | Johnston |
| | Allan |
| Councillors | Hays |
| | Mumford |
| | Forbes |
| | Murray |

The Warden stated this meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the views of W. J. Fraser Esq. J. F. Mott Esq. and L. F. Fairbanks with reference to a certain piece of ground belonging to Mr. Fraser and the two Public Water Lots applied for by the Maine Railway Co. These gentlemen having fully expressed their views and opinions, retired when the following resolution was moved by Councillor Johnston seconded by Councillor Forbes.

Resolved, that the two Public Water Lots of the town applied for by the Maine Railway Slip Co. be sold to them, as provided for in the act passed during the last meeting of the Legislature authorizing the sale of certain Public Water Lots in the Town of Dartmouth.

Resolved, that this Council appoint one appraiser to value the property in conjunction with an appraiser on the part of the Company as provided for in the act.

Resolved, that this Council in selling

Selling the property do not interfere with or circumscribe the right of any person, but leave them to be adjudicated upon by the proper tribunal

Resolved, that the deed to the said Company conveying the said property shall contain a covenant or proviso that the Company shall pay any compensation awarded and shall hold the Town of Dartmouth harmless in respect of any damage to the rights of individuals, and that provision be made in the deed for carrying Public Sewerage through the lots without costs to the Town or being put to vote

Councillor Johnston
" Allan
" Boyd
" Murray
" Forbes

were in favor of the resolution and Councillor Wrenford against it

Meeting adjourned
Thos. Snow
Town Clerk

* The Ballot was taken for the nomination of an Appraiser on behalf of the Council to act in connection with one to be appointed by the Chebucto Marine Slip Co, when the result showed that Mr Henry Watt had received the highest no. of votes, he was therefore duly appointed

Wm. Warden

Thos. Snow
Town Clerk

Dartmouth
Thursday
20th November 1873.

A meeting of the Council was held
this day at the Town Hall

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| Present | W. S. Symonds Warden |
| | Johnston |
| | Allan |
| Councillors | Murray |
| | Tobes |
| | Munford |
| | Byars |

The Warden stated this meeting
was held for the purpose of reading
and passing, if approved of, the
Bye Laws of the Municipality viz:

- Seal of the Town
- Auction Licenses
- Hackney " "
- Truckage " "
- Exhibitions " "
- Liquor " "
- Horses Cows &c
- Pound
- Rules of Council
- Municipal Court
- Streets
- Public property
- Policies
- Prosecutions
- Lock up

Each of the above by laws, were read and
approved

Meeting adjourned

W. S. Symonds
Warden

H. E. Shore
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday

8th December 1873

A meeting of the Council was held this day at the Town Hall

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| Present | W. S. Symonds Warden |
| | Johnston |
| | Allan |
| Councillors | Murray |
| | Forbes |
| | Hyde |
| | Munford |

Minutes of meetings held on the 14th 15th 17th and 20th November read and confirmed

Read letter from J. P. Mott Esq^r President of the Marine Railway Co^y stating that the Marine Co had nominated George Adams Esq as appraiser to act in conjunction with one to be appointed by the Council

The following report of the Appraiser was read

Dartmouth 4 Dec 1873

The Warden

Council of Dartmouth

Gentlemen

We the undersigned Several Appraisers, to set a value on the two Public Water Lots, now about to be sold by the Council, to the Directors of the Marine Railway Company, beg to report as follows

That we are of opinion that the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars is in our opinion a fair value

(Signed) Sherry Watt
Gavin Holliday

Moved by Comr Forbes seconded by Comr Allen, that the report of the appraisers of the two public water lots applied for by the Marine Ship Company be received and adopted, and that the Warden be authorized to direct the preparation of the papers for completing the sale as early as convenient - passed.

An account of the appraisers was submitted Am^t \$15⁰⁰ for services rendered was then read when it was moved by Comr Johnston seconded by Comr Allen, that the account be paid and one half of the amount be charged against the Marine Ship Company - passed.

The Town Clerk was directed to call the attention of the Hon: Sir Post Master General at Ottawa, relative to the letters forwarded his predecessor regarding the exemption of postage between Dartmouth and Halifax, and also the free delivery of letters in the municipality.

Read a letter from Mr Geo Tailor a deaf mute praying to be exempted from the payment of Taxes for this year.

Moved by Comr Forbes seconded by Comr Allen that the letter of Mr Tailor be referred to W Russell Esq JP and George Lloyd Esq JP for their consideration - passed.

Moved by Comr Allen seconded by Comr Forbes that the Warden be authorized to direct the Recorder to prepare the necessary paper for the completion of the conveyance of the water lot recently sold to W L Lymonds Esq at the foot of Stannard - passed.

The Committee on the Canal Waters reported verbally to the Council, their opinion thereon when it was moved

by Com. Forbes, seconded by Com. Johnston that the matter of the dangerous condition of Canal works and continued employment of Mr. Henry Finlay be referred again to the Committee and that they be also instructed to take the opinion of the Recorder upon the whole matter passed.

Read letter from Geo. W. Moore County Constable asking permission to occupy the Building known as the Police Building in consideration of any assistance he may render the Town Constable in the performance of his duties when it was moved by Com. Hoyt seconded by Com. Mumford, that the request be granted passed.

The Committee on Streets offered the following report

The Committee on Streets beg leave to report that they have had a conference with T. J. Stebbins Esq. in reference to the purchase by the Town of a piece of property owned by him on the site of the old tannery property of the late W. Stanford said piece of ground being at the foot of Maple Street and in the estimation of the Committee indispensable to the Town as affording an access from Chestnut Street to a number of streets on the Boggs Estate. Professor W. P. having signified to the Committee his willingness to divide such portion of his ground as may be necessary to complete the connection. Mr. Stebbins expressed his willingness to sell 50 feet x 122 1/2 or about that for the sum of Seven hundred dollars. He Mr. Stebbins is willing to allow the whole to remain on mortgage at five per cent. and the

Purchase of T. J. Stebbins' land by

Moved in Court Forbes seconded by
 Court Allen, that the report of the appraisers
 of the two public water lots applied
 for by the Maritime Ship Company be
 received and adopted, and that the
 Warden be authorized to direct the
 preparation of the papers for completing
 the sale, as early as convenient. - Passed.

An Account of the appraisers
 was submitted Am^t \$15⁰⁰ for Services
 rendered was then read. when it
 was moved by Court Johnston seconded
 by Court Allen, that the account be
 paid, and one half of the amount be
 charged against the Maritime Ship
 Company. - Passed

The Court Clerk was directed to
 call the attention of the Hon: the
 Post Master General at Ottawa, relative
 to the letters forwarded his predecessor
 regarding the collection of Postage between
 Dartmouth and Halifax, and also
 the free delivery of letters in the municipality.

Read a letter from Mr Geo Smith
 a Draft Maker praying to be exempted from
 the payment of Taxes for this year.

Moved in Court Forbes seconded by
 Court Allen that the letter of Mr Smith be
 referred to W. Russell Esq J.P. and George
 Lupton Esq J.P. for their Consideration. - Passed.

Moved by Court Allen seconded by
 Court Forbes, that the Warden be authorized
 to direct the Recorder to prepare the
 necessary paper for the completion of the
 conveyance of the water lot recently sold
 to W. S. Lynons Esq, at the foot of Staw
 Street. - Passed.

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 reported verbally to the Council, their
 opinion thereon, when it was moved

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An account of the appraisers was submitted Am^t \$15⁰⁰ for services rendered was then read. when it was moved by Comr Johnston seconded by Comr Allan, that the account be paid, and one half of the amount be charged against the Marine Slip Company - passed.

The Town Clerk was directed to call the attention of the Hon. Sir Jos^{ph} Mac^{pherson} General at Ottawa, relative to the letters forwarded his predecessor regarding the reduction of postage between Dartmouth and Halifax, and also the free delivery of letters in the municipality.

Read a letter from Mr Geo Tail a deaf mute praying to be exempted from the payment of taxes for this year.

Moved by Comr Forbes seconded by Comr Allan that the letter of Mr Tail be referred to W Russell Esq J.P. and George Lingo Esq J.P. for their consideration - passed.

Moved by Comr Allan seconded by Comr Forbes, that the Warden be authorized to direct the Recorder to prepare the necessary paper for the completion of the conveyance of the water lot recently sold to W.S. Symonds Esq. at the foot of Staw Street - passed.

The Committee on the Canal Waters reported verbally to the Council, their opinion thereon, when it was moved

By Court Forbes seconded by Court Johnston that the matter of the dangerous condition of Canal works and continued Employment of Mr Henry Findlay be referred again to the Committee and that they be also instructed to take the opinion of the Recorder upon the whole matter passed

Read letter from Geo W Rogers County Constable asking permission to occupy the Building known as the Police Building in consideration of any assistance he may render the Town Constable in the performance of his duties when it was moved by Court Hoyt seconded by Court Mumford, that the request be granted passed

The Committee on Streets offered the following report

The Committee on Streets beg leave to report that they have had a conference with Wm Kuhn Esq in reference to the purchase by the Town of a piece of property owned by him on the site of the old tannery property of the late Mr Stanford said piece of ground being at the foot of Maple Street and in the estimation of the Committee indispensable to the town as affording an access from Ochlerony Street to a number of streets on the Boggs Estate - Professor Wop having signified to the Committee his willingness to devote such portion of his ground as may be necessary to complete the connection - Mr Kuhn expressed his willingness to sell 50 feet + 12 1/2 or about that for the sum of Seven hundred dollars he Mr Kuhn is willing to allow the whole to remain on mortgage at Six per cent and the

Purchase of Wm Kuhn property

Committee recommended to be authorized to complete the transaction.

Moved by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor Hyde that the report of the Street Committee be received and adopted - passed.

Meeting adjourned
 J. H. Symonds
 Warden
 The Mayor
 Town Clerk

The following resolution and also copy of a letter addressed to R. Russell Esq. J.P. were approved of on the 18th Dec 1873.

Whereas Dartmouth has been selected as the most suitable place for the Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway by such Eminent Engineers as Major Robinson who surveyed various routes for the Imperial Government, and Mr. Healter who acted on behalf of the celebrated firm of Messrs. Peto, Brassey & Co. and is acknowledged to possess all the advantages natural and Commercial, requisite for a Railway Terminus.

And whereas the location of the Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway at Richmond was a mistake and its further continuance there will be a serious detriment to the interests of those engaged in the freight and passenger traffic of the Country and a positive injury to the whole business Community.

And whereas the interests of the City of Halifax will be greatly promoted by the location of the Terminus at a point in Dartmouth opposite the business Centre of the City thereby rendering the

transportation of freight to and from the railway by means of lighters, easy, expeditious, and more economical than the transit to Richmond or any of the other proposed sites on the western side of the harbor of Halifax.

And whereas the route of the railroad making Dartmouth the terminus will not only considerably shorten the distance to be travelled, a matter of great importance to the travelling business public, but will also traverse large and valuable areas of arable land in the Eastern Section of the County of Halifax, will open them up for speedy settlement, and will afford an easy access to markets to a large section of Country now without any ready and cheap means of travel or transit.

And whereas This Town Council has reason to believe that the City of Halifax and the City Council are dissatisfied with the location of the present terminus and that they deem that the buildings at present used for the purpose of freight and passenger depot in connection with the Railway are inconvenient, unsightly and bring great discredit upon the Metropolitan City of Halifax.

Resolved therefore, That the Town Council of Dartmouth do respectfully request the Local Government of the Province of Nova Scotia to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Dominion Government and urge upon it, in the interests of the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth, a large and influential section of the County of Halifax, and of the whole

travelling and business public, to take steps to have the concerns of the views advanced by this Town Council ascertained and to locate the terminus where it will prove the greatest benefit to the whole people of the Dominion

Letter to W Russell Esq: J.P.

Dartmouth N.S.

19th December 1873

W. Russell Esq: J.P.

Sir

The duties civil and criminal that have heretofore, within the limits of the Municipality, devolved upon the Magistrates of Dartmouth, and more especially upon you as Acting Stipendiary Magistrate will in future be performed by Mr Genteman filling the office of Recorder in the Town of Dartmouth

The occasion of your being relieved from a portion of your Magisterial labors affords this Council a fitting opportunity of which they gladly avail themselves to express their deep sense and lasting obligation under which you have placed the Citizens of Dartmouth to you by the energetic exercise through a long course of years, of the office of Justice of the Peace, the duties appertaining to which onerous and oftentimes unpleasant as they were, and trenching as their performance did upon the time required for your private business were yet always cheerfully and faithfully performed. And in the opinion of this Council the present prosperity of Dartmouth is largely owing to the energy

and still with which you managed the affairs of the Town

In the inception and maturing of the measures for incorporation the Town you took an active and prominent part. The Council acknowledge the material aid they have since received from your advice and judgement in their endeavours to inaugurate the new system of Municipal Government, and to render the same effective

The Council beg that you will accept on their behalf and in the belief of the Town, their best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity

Wm. F. Shook
Town Clerk

Sigs

W. S. Symonds Warden
J. W. Johnson
J. W. Allan
H. A. Boyd
Wm. J. Murray
John Forbes

Dartmouth

Wednesday Evening
23 December 1873

A meeting of the Council was held
this evening at the Town Hall

Present. W. S. Symonds Warden

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| Councillors | } | Johnston | Recorder |
| | | Allan | |
| | | Forbes | |
| | | Murray | |
| | | J. J. Fayant | |

Minutes of meeting held on the 8th inst
read and confirmed

A letter was received and read
from W. Gossip Esq C.E. offering to
make a thorough and complete survey
of the whole municipality, for the sum
of Eighteen hundred dollars, referred
to a meeting of the whole Council

Moved by Coun: Forbes seconded
by Coun: Murray that Coun: Johnston
and the Recorder be a Committee on
the examination and formation of
By-laws passed

Meeting adjourned

H. S. Shook
Town Clerk

W. S. Symonds
Warden

exam to the
paper colour school