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Council Minutes

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Minutes
of
Dartmouth Town Council

from
May 23rd 1873

to
July 24th 1882

Notice of motion was given by Council
Oland and Watt, as follows:—

"That this Council deem it necessary to
procure a Steam Engine and Boiler to drive
the Stone Crusher, so as to be able to obtain
material for the Streets, and further resolved
that the Engine & Boiler be purchased at once
and the amount to be taken out of next year
estimate for Streets"

The following a/c's were passed and ordered
to be paid, viz:

G. Adams (3)	138.80	Smith & Kayer	15.90
R. N. Leatham (5)	24.45	Hamm & Harrison	47.55
J. J. Settle	4.20	P. Boun	13.80
E. Traft	8.	W. Dillman	2.
A. Kuhn	26.38	Buckley & Allen	18.09
J. J. Walker (2)	101.88	W. M. Smith	1.50
		Total	\$ 402.65

Read & Approved
 James W. Turner
 Warden

Council adjourned
 Acft Secist
 Town Clerk

Dartmouth
 Saturday Jan 8. 1881

An emergent meeting of the Council
 was held this day at 3 p.m. to consider
 the resignation of Alexander H. Kay
 Principal of Schools.

Present James W. Turner, Warden
 Councillors Weston, Watt, Markle,
 Oland and Russell, and the Recorder.

Mr. McKay's resignation having been
 read, and the report of the School Com.
 recommending that the same be accepted
 and that Mr. McKay's request to be relieved of his
 duties at once be acceded to, and further
 that until permanent arrangements are

made Mr. Robinson be placed in charge of the High School Dept. Miss Carter of the ninth Miss Adams of the sixth, and that Miss Annie Hamer be employed as assistant,

It was resolved on motion of Council Russell seconded by Comr. Markle that the report be received and adopted.

Comr. Russell moved, seconded by Comr. Weston "That the maximum salary of a permanent principal be eight hundred dollars per annum passed."

Council adjourned.

Asst. Secy

John Clark

Dartmouth

Wednesday, January 12th 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock.
Present, James W. Turner, Warden,
Councillors, Watt, Weston, Markle, and
Russell.

Minutes of meetings held Nov. 15/80 and
Jan. 8/81 read and confirmed.

Comr. Weston, moved referring to the proposal of Mr. W. Waplington to establish Rolling Mills in Dartmouth, moved, seconded by Comr. Russell, "That in so far as the proposed industry does not come into competition with any industry already established in the Town the Council will be prepared to make the same concession as that already offered to a Woollen Mill, namely exemption from taxes for Municipal purposes for fifteen years, and Resolved further, that it is the understanding of the Council, and this exemption is given on the condition that in the event of any ^{industry} of a kind already existing in the Town being prosecuted in connection with the proposed Rolling Mill

Read & Approved
James W. Turner
Warden

the exemption shall cease, and that such exemption shall not be enjoyed should the mill cease working" - passed unanimously.

Resolved, on motion of Com. Weston, seconded by Com. Oland, "That Albert Hutchinson be notified that the ice house erected by him encroaching on one of the streets of the Town must be removed therefrom on or before the first day of August 1881, and that he be required to give an undertaking to then remove it."

The Finance Com. reported in reference to claim of Chas. Robson, for refund of Poll Tax, recommending that Mr. Robson be refunded amount of poll taxes paid by him for the years 1877, '78 & '79, being from the time Mr. Robson became exempt under the Municipal Act. Resolved on motion that the report be received and adopted.

The Public Property Com. reported that the owners and occupiers of the Boat Club building placed upon a town lot on Water St. have been using the same as a carpenter and boat building shop in contravention to the terms of the lease of said lot, and recommended that the said parties be notified to remove said building forthwith, in accordance with the terms of said lease, on motion the report was received and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to send the parties notices accordingly.

The Street Com. handed in a report showing the work done and the amount expended in that department during the current year.

A letter from the City Board of Works was read offering to sell a stone crusher and engine owned by the Board. Laid on the table.

A letter from Mr. J. A. Mann, Hon. Secy. Halifax Cotton & Woollen Mills Co. was read, requesting to be informed whether, in event of the Company being led to select a site in Dartmouth, the

Town Council would exempt from local taxes of all kinds including Water Rates, the Company's property, goods and capital for a period of at least 30 years,

Comm. Russell moved, seconded by Comm. Markle, "That the Council will if authorized by the Legislature give a free site sufficient for their works to the proposed Cotton & Woollen Mills Company, and will under powers already possessed, grant exemption to said company from taxation for Municipal purposes (including water rates) for the period of 15 years; provided said works are of the character proposed in the prospectus"

It was resolved that it be expedient to vote on the motion to night, the motion was then put and passed unanimously.

A letter from Mrs. Jas. Ritey (Widow), was read requesting to be exempted from the payment of taxes, Referred to Finance Com.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid viz:

E. M. Walker	12.	A. Duffield	46.72	W. C. Silver	3.60
Walter Kanison	60	H. Watt	4.	J. Byrnes	2.10
Thos. Behen	6.31	R. N. Leahan	4.95	J. McDonald	2.95
N. Harwin	17.40	do	2.70	J. C. Stevens	18.20
D. Johnson	2.	R. Peeples	10.	Contingent exp	10.67
do	1.70			do	11.66
P. Ernest	9.	Lewis Hamington	38.85	W. C. Stevens	2.
W. H. Greene	32.70	C. F. Whidden	12.13	Registry of Deeds	1.80
				Edward Wallace	9.50
				<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 263.54</u>

Comm. Russell moved, seconded by Comm. Markle, "That specifications be prepared, and estimates received of the cost of fitting up the upper portion of the Engine House as a dwelling for one of the policemen" Laid on the table as notice of motion.

Comm. Russell moved, seconded by Comm. Markle, "That Policeman No. 2 be exempt from taxation for the present year"

It was resolved that it be expedient to vote on the motion to night - the motion was then put and passed. Council adjourned. A. P. Elliot.

Read & Approved
J. W. M. James
W. H. Green

Dartmouth

Monday, Feb. 7th 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock
 Present, James W. Turner, Warden
 Councilors: Hall, Campbell, Oland, Weston
 Markle and Russell.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The School Committee reported & recommended
 the appointment of Mr. L. D. Robinson as
 Principal, at the salary of \$800 per annum;
 and Mr. C. E. MacKenzie as teacher for the
 preparatory or Eighth Dept, at the salary of
 \$600 per annum, an increase of \$100 per annum
 to the salary heretofore paid in this Dept, as
 in the opinion of the Committee the experience
 of the past 8 or 9 years proved conclusively that
 the ~~old~~ salary ^{of \$500} was not sufficient to secure the ^{permanent} services
 of a teacher competent for the work of
 this Dept. The Committee further recommended
 that the salary of the Principal's Assistant,
 which at present is \$100 be increased to \$150. and
 that the salary of the teacher of the Second Dept
 (so called) which is now \$280, be increased to
 \$300 per annum.

After a brief discussion it was resolved on
 motion of Comr Oland, seconded by Comr.
 Markle, that the report be received and
 adopted.

Comr Russell moved seconded by Comr.
 Markle, "That a specification be prepared
 and estimates received of the cost of fitting
 up the upper portion of the Engine House as a
 dwelling for one of the Policemen" passed.

A letter was read from Sedgewick &
 Stewart ^{Solicitors} demanding the payment of the
 damages and costs amounting in all to
 \$220.75 in the suit of Hancock vs The Town.

On motion of Comr Russell, Resolved That

The Warden be authorized to pay their account as soon as he was satisfied of the correctness of the taxed costs"

On motion Messrs. J. B. P. Frazer and J. W. Allison were appointed Town Auditors.

Comm. Russell moved seconded by Comm. Weston that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution to night passed,

Comm. Russell then moved seconded by Comm. Maple, "That the license heretofore given to Mr. A. Hutchinson to build a portion of his ice house on Portland Street be revoked and the same is hereby revoked, and that said A. Hutchinson be notified to remove the portion so encroaching on said Street forthwith" passed Comm. Campbell dissenting.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid, viz:—

J. Greene 75	J. Mitchell 43.02	Blackadam Bros. 13.20
McIntosh & McInnis 12.50	J. W. Turner 6.60	J. Crook 1.05
J. J. Walker 4.27	A. Russell 10.74	Powers & Hunt 6.50
H. McDonald 7.25	Smith & Kaye 4.20	Austin Bros. 4.30
J. E. Lawlor 22.22	Contingent ac 28.05	H. McKay 1.02
J. R. G. Lending 10.	J. Bowes & Sons 13.	J. Jones 6.50
White & Simmonds 19.94	G. Adams 9.50	J. A. Wisener 29.25
G. H. Craig 4.34	W. Elliot 65	E. Bowes 2.50
		<u>Total \$261.35</u>

Council adjourned

Accepted
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday, March 7th 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock
Present James W. Turner, Warden,
Councillors Campbell, Matt. Oland, Weston,
Maple and Russell, and the Recorder.
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed

Read & Approved
James W. Turner
Warden

A letter was read from the County Clerk, requesting the Council to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee which had been appointed by the County Council on the subject of an adjustment with a view to a satisfactory settlement of the School Assessment matter.

Coun. Weston moved seconded by Coun. Oland, "That a Committee of three be appointed from this Council to confer with the Committee of the County Council in reference to the matter of the School and other assessments against the Municipality of Dartmouth" The motion passed, and the Warden, with Coun. Weston and Russell were appointed as such Committee.

A letter from the Secy. of the Union Protection Co. of Dartmouth, was read enclosing a draft of an Act to amend the Act to incorporate the said Company, which proposed Act granted the company all the privileges and exemptions conferred on the Firemen of the Dartmouth Engine Co. by Cap. 26 of the Acts of 1880 including the lessening of the term of service from 16 to 12 years.

Resolved on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Campbell that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution tonight,
 Moved by Coun. Weston, seconded by Coun. Oland
 "That this Council do assent to the proposed amendment to the Act of Incorporation of the Union Protection Co. of Dartmouth, granting them the exemptions accorded the firemen of the Town" passed.

Letter from Jas. Jack Assignee Estate P. J. Rubin read, referring to taxes on said estate. Sec. 11 of Bye Law II was suspended.

Resolved on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Watt, "That in reference to Mr. Jack's letter of 5 Mar 1881, respecting taxes on P. J. Rubin's property

the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed under the directions of the Recorder."

Letter from J. W. Dewolf read, claiming refund of Poll Tax paid by him in 1878 & 79, he being over 60 years of age. Sec. 11 of Byelaw II suspended, and Resolved on Motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Oland,

"That the poll tax paid under mis-apprehension by Mr. J. W. Dewolf be refunded"

Dr. Cunningham's Report of Dispensary for Quarter ended Feb 28/81, ^{was} handed in and read.

The following a/c's were passed and ordered to be paid, viz: -

Thompson & Graham	20.	Edw. Chft	8.
Lawson & Harrington	45.	B. H. Eaton	5.
George Adams	9.81	Cha. Annand	1.75
J. B. Stevens	5.44	John Myes	4.25
			in all \$99.25

An account from Motton, McSweeney & Fielding for \$40. for Town's Costs in suit of Corbin vs.

Town of Dartmouth, was handed in, and after some discussion was referred to a Special Com. of Coun. Russell & Markle to report on.

Coun. Oland and Markle gave notice of motion, as follows: - "That the Town Clerk be directed to pay two hundred dollars to the County Treasurer on account of County Rates for the current year."

Council adjourned to Monday next at 7.30 p.m.

Ald. Elliot.

Town Clerk.

Dartmouth

Monday, March 14, 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock Present, James W. Turner, Warden, Coun. Watt, Oland, Markle and Weston Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Read & Approved
James W. Turner
Warden

The Committee appointed to report on
Motton McSwaney & Fielding's case of \$70.
expended for service in connection with
the suit of Corbin vs. The Town of Dart-
mouth, reported recommending that the
bill of costs should be taxed by the said firm
before the judge of the Supreme Court as
between Attorney and Client, and that the
Recorder attend the taxation.

On motion of Coun. Claid, seconded by
Coun. Watt, the report was received and adopted.

Coun. Claid moved, seconded by Coun.
Maikle, "That the Town Clerk be
directed to pay two hundred dollars to the
County Treasurer, on account of County
Rates for the current year."

The Estimate for the ensuing year
was then discussed, and afterwards
the Council adjourned.

Attest
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday evening April 11th 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock.
Present, James W. Turner, Warden,
Counors Watt, Claid, Campbell, Weston &
Maikle, and the Recorder.

Minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed.

The matter of A. Hutchinson's encroach-
ment on Portland St. was discussed, and notice
of motion was given by Counors Weston & Watt,
as follows: "That the question of the line of
Preston Road be referred to the Street Com.
with power to enter into negotiations with the
adjoining proprietors and settle the line of said
road from Glendinning's Ice house to Hurley's"

Read & Approved
James W. Turner
Warden

Petition from John Williams read praying that he be granted a lease of the site of the Dartmouth Boat Club House (so called) for a short period of years at a reasonable yearly rent. Referred to Com. on Public Property.

A letter from A. E. Hill C.E. was read enclosing his account for balance claimed by him on Railway Survey. The Clerk read and directed and requesting that the same be laid before the next Town Meeting. The Clerk was directed to own receipt of his letter, refer him to report of Finance Com. made to Council May 3/80, and inform him that the Council decline to deal further with the matter.

A letter from Motton, McSweeney & Shilding was read, stating that the taxation of their bill in suit of Corbin vs. Town had been attended by the Recorder, and that the judge had allowed them \$85.40. Sec. 11 of Bylaw 11 was suspended, and Resolved on motion of Com. Mackle seconded by Com. Watt "That the Treasurer pay Motton, McSweeney & Shilding the amount of their account, and take their receipt in full for all demands to date including the cause of Leahy vs. Elliot."

A letter was read from J. L. Bettinson claiming refund of Poll Tax for the years 1876-78 & 9 he claiming that he was 60 years of age in 1876. Com. Weston & Olands gave notice of motion as follows, "That hereafter all persons applying for exemption from Poll Tax shall produce to the Council satisfactory evidence of their being over age."

Application from Dartmouth Mining Syndicate was read requesting permission to open the old shaft on the Common and erect a temporary building if required. Referred to Com. on Public Property.

A letter from the Eastern Star Masonic Lodge was read praying to be exempt from taxation.

Notice of motion was given by Coun^r Markle and Oland as follows: - "That Eastern Star Lodge be exempt from taxation."

A letter was read from L.P. Fairbanks requesting that the judgment obtained against him in County Court for taxes of 1879 with costs amounting to \$28.41 be allowed as of account and that his own claim for \$60 for cost of boat levied on for taxes and for damages to himself \$500 be settled at the same time. The Clerk was directed to ask Mr. Fairbanks for a fuller explanation of this last clause of his letter.

Rule absolute for mandamus in re. The Queen vs. The Warden and Council of the Town of Dartmouth, was handed in by the Warden and read. Sec. 11 of By-Law 2 was suspended, when it was resolved on motion of Coun. Oland seconded by Coun. Watt "That the Recorder be directed to give notice and perfect an appeal to the Supreme Court at Ottawa from the decision of the Supreme Court of this Province in the matter of the Queen against the Corporation of Dartmouth, and that he be directed to continue the services of the Hon. J.S. Thompson and S.G. Rigby Esq. as counsel therein"

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The Auditors Report, with their Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending Mar. 31/80, were handed in and read. Referred to Finance Com^{tee}

Polling places for the ensuing elections were appointed as follows: -

Ward One, at or near N. Marvin's Shop P. Edward St.
 " Two, " Town Hall
 " Three, " Engine House

Officers for elections were appointed as follows: -

Ward One Alex. Floy Rec. Officer
 Albert Kidson Inspector
 W. H. Stevens Poll Clerk

Read & Approved
James W. Turner
Warden

Ward Two, Com. Wattle, Pres Officer
P. Faull Inspector
E. L. Coleman Poll Clerk

Ward Three J. A. Hyde Pres Officer
J. J. Walker Inspector
F. C. Scarfe Poll Clerk

Council adjourned until Tuesday next
at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Wm Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Tuesday evening
April 19th 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock
Present James W. Turner, Warden,
Councillors Wattle, Weston, Campbell
Russell and Oland, and the Recorder

Minutes of last meeting read and
confirmed.

Comm. Weston moved, seconded by Comm.
Wattle "That the question of the line of
Preston Road be referred to the Street Com
with power to enter into negotiations with
the adjoining proprietors and settle the line
of said road from Glendinning's Ice house
to Huleys" passed.

Comm. Weston moved seconded by ^{Comm.} Oland
"That hereafter all persons applying for
exemption from Poll Tax shall produce to
the Council satisfactory evidence of their
being over age"

The Annual Reports of the Street
Finance and School Committees were hand-
ed in and read, and on motion, the
same were received and adopted.

A letter from Mr. A. Hutchingson was
read, requesting to be refunded, certain
fines which had been imposed on him in the
Police Court in February last.

Referred to the Recorder.

Comm. Merrick's resignation of the office of Councilor for Ward Two, was submitted and read. On motion the same was laid on the table to be considered at next meeting.

Comm. Weston gave notice of motion as follows: Resolved "That the Treasurer do notify the holders of two thousand dollars worth of Water Supply Debentures that the Municipality will pay off and discharge the same at the end of the period of six months and that they be so paid off at that time."

The Estimates for the financial year 1881-2 - were then taken up, discussed and adopted as follows:-

Expenditure		Revenue	
School	5400	Poll Tax	1200
Streets	1600	School Tax (SD)	100
Police	1100	Do (A & C)	350
Fire Dept	450	Govt Grant School	1130
Salaries	1250	Hog Tax	100
Poor	1200	Licenses: Liquor	400
Lamps	500	Hack	10
Pumps & Wells	100	Truck	40
Interest	850	Auction	40
County Rates	1500	Poundage	50
Contingent a/c	850	Common Rents	50
Allow for non col & Dist	500	Civil Court Fees	400
Fire and School Exemptions	400	Police " "	100
	\$16,000	Fines	300
	5425	Interest	75
	10,575	Poor	80
Supplementary Estimate			\$4425
Portable Engine & Boiler for		Cash on hand	
Stone Breaker	3 800	after providing	
		for unpaid a/c	1000
Approximate Amt to be	\$11,375		\$5425
assessed on Real & Persl Propy.			

Section 11 of Bye Law 2 was suspended, and on motion of Comm. Weston, seconded by Comm.

Russell, Resolved "That the sum of eight hundred dollars be placed in the Estimates for the ensuing year to provide for the purchase of a portable engine and boiler to be used in connection with and for running the stone crusher"

The Deed of dedication of Johnston Avenue to the Town, duly signed by the several owners of property abutting thereon was handed in by the Recorder, after some discussion on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Oland ^(Secy of Board of Health, being occupied), Resolved "That the proposed deed of dedication of Johnston Avenue cannot be accepted until it is shown to the satisfaction of the Street Com that the proposed street is sixty feet wide."

Hon. J. F. Stairs & W. S. Symonds Esq. appeared before the Council on behalf of the Citizens Railway Com. and requested that the Council favorably consider an account amounting to \$125.49 being the cost of a survey ^{which had been} made under the direction of the Port Engineer, for a line to connect with I.C. Railway, the expense of which ^{survey} had been guaranteed by them & other members of the Com with a view to obtain a more favorable line than any yet made. They asked the Council if they saw fit to include the amount in the Estimates to be submitted for ratification to the Annual Town Meeting. They also brought to the attention of the Council the claim of Mr. A. C. Hill C. E. for services on survey of proposed line of Railway in 1879 amtg to \$396.12 and recommended that the same be taken into favorable consideration.

Councilmen Russell & Oland gave notice of motion as follows: Resolved "That the sum of \$125.49 being the cost of a railway survey incurred in 1881 in the interests of the Town by the Delegates appointed by a Committee of the Ratepayers be included in the Estimates as an extraordinary expenditure to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting"

The Recorder informed the Council that the Warden and Councilors would have to file a bond with two sureties with the Prothy or deposit ^{in the sum of \$500} that amount with said official, pending the decision of the Appeal made on behalf of the Town in the suit of the County of Halifax, vs the Corporation of Dartmouth.

Sec. 11 of Byelaw 2 was suspended, and Resolved on motion of Coun. Russell seconded by Coun. Weston "That the Treasurer of the Town be instructed to deposit with the Warden of the Town the sum of \$500 to indemnify him against the possible loss of the sum of five hundred dollars deposited by him with the officer of the Court pending the determination of the Appeal in the suit of the Queen against the Warden and Councilors of Dartmouth.

Council adjourned until Friday next at 7.30 p.m.

Alfred Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Thursday, April, 21, 1881

The Council met this day at 2 p.m. Present, James W. Turner, Warden, Coun^{rs} Watt, Campbell, Russell and Weston. ^{of emergency} This meeting was called for the purpose of considering Coun. Markles resignation, in order that if same was accepted, the election to fill the vacancy might be held the same day ^{as} with the general municipal election.

The Council adjourned and met again at 7.15 p.m. Present the Warden, Couns. Oland, Campbell, Weston and Russell. On motion Sec. 11 of Byelaw 2 was suspended and Coun. Russell moved, seconded by Coun. Weston, the following resolution which passed unanimously: Resolved That the Council

Read & Approved
James W. Turner
Warden

being unwilling to lose the services of
Councillor Markle, declines to accept
the resignation tendered.

Council adjourned

A. J. Elliot

Treasurer

Dartmouth

Friday evening

April 22, 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock
Present James W. Turner, Warden
Councillors Watt, Weston, Markle and
Russell.

Minutes of meetings held 19th & 21st met
read and confirmed.

The Annual Reports of the Overseers of Poor,
& Public Property Com, in which was included
the Report of the Board of Firewards, were
read and on motion adopted.

A supplementary report to the Annual Report
of the Street Com. read at a former
meeting was also read and on motion
adopted.

The following accounts were passed and
ordered to be paid viz.

J. E. Lawlor	\$2.07	Buckley Allen	12.05	J. Casady	1.80
R. N. Leahan	4.65	J. Jones	2.45	C. J. Whiddow	4.
Ketchie & Co	3.65	W. A. Hendry	4.	J. Greene	3.95
J. Crook	50	J. A. Hydes Jr	.75	N. Russell	8.88
				Contingent	4.90

in all \$53.65

Coun. Weston moved, seconded by Coun.
Russell, Resolved "That the Treasurer
do notify the holders of two thousand
dollar worth of Water Supply Debentures
that the Municipality will pay off and
discharge the same at the end of the period
of six months, and that they be so paid off
at that time" passed.

Coun. Russell moved seconded by
Coun. Oland Resolved "That the sum of
One hundred and twenty five \$900 Dollars
being the cost of a ^{railway} Survey incurred in 1881
in the interest of the Town by the Delegates
appointed by a Committee of the Ratepayers
be included in the estimates as an extra-
ordinary expenditure to be voted upon at
the Annual Meeting" passed.

A letter was read from the County
Clerk stating that the Warden of the
County considered it advisable to have
a conference of the Committees appointed
by each Council in re. the County School
Assessment, and suggested that if con-
venient such conference be held on the 9th
of May next. The Clerk was directed to say
in reply that as the Annual Municipal
Election takes place on the 3rd May next, the
matter will be deferred ~~until the year~~ and
dealt with by the new Council, ^{when} a
new Committee ^{will be} appointed.

Another letter from the same official
was read requesting to be furnished with
a statement of the Valuation of Property
Real and Personal in the Town of Dartmouth
upon which the latest assessment has been
made for the purpose of regulating and
apportioning the County Assessment.

The Clerk was directed to furnish ~~him~~
with a statement of the valuation of
property deducting therefrom all amounts
from which no taxes are collected.

Council adjourned until next
Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Alfred Elliott
Town Clerk

Read & Approved
James W. Sumner
Warden

Dartmouth

Tuesday Apr. 26th 1881

The Council met today at 2.30 o'clock.
Present... James H. Turner, Warden
Councillors Campbell, Hatt, Oland, Weston
Markle and Russell, and the Recorder.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Council adjourned, and met again at 3.15 same afternoon. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Coun. Oland moved seconded by Coun. Markle "That it be expedient to vote on the following resolution at once" the motion passed and Coun. Oland then moved, seconded by Coun. Markle, the following: -

"Whereas, On several occasions the ratepayers of Dartmouth have unanimously decided that the Railway System of the Dominion should be extended to this Town;

And Whereas, at a recent public meeting of the Ratepayers the sum of \$25,000 and a free right of way was voted for the above purpose;

And Whereas, the raising of the sum of \$25,000 at any one time might prove burdensome;

And Whereas, there is good reason to believe that private capitalists are willing to undertake the said construction.

Therefore Resolved, That a vote be taken in the usual way as provided in the Byelaws for extraordinary expenditure at the ensuing Annual Meeting for the offering of a subsidy of \$4,000 a year for 20 years, to either Dominion or Local Governments, or to any company or person who will undertake to construct, equip and operate a line from Dartmouth to Windsor Junction with the Intercolonial Railway, and of such a character that it will bear comparison with

existing Government Railways as to grade, curves, gauges, etc, and this sum only to be assessed upon the completion of said road."

Coun. Russell moved in amendment, seconded by Coun. Weston.

Resolved, "That the sum of three thousand dollars be placed in the Estimates as an extraordinary expenditure to be paid as the first of 20 Annual instalments to any person or corporation that will build a branch road to Dartmouth, provided that satisfactory assurances are given, that the alignment of the road, traffic arrangements, point of junction with the Intercolonial rates of freight, and terminal facilities will be such as will in every respect be suitable to the business of the Town, such sum not to be assessed for or paid until the road is completed."

The amendment was put and negatived, the motion was then put, and carried, Coun. Oland, Campbell, Markle and Hatt, voting for and Coun. Russell and Weston against.

The Council then adjourned

Alfred Elliott
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday May 2 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock. Present, James H. Turner, Warden, Councillors Campbell, Hatt, Oland, Weston, Markle and Russell.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Letter from the County Clerk read, referring to the proposed meeting of the Committee appointed by the Town & County Councils, in re. the School Assessment Case. Laid over.

Read & Approved
James H. Turner
Warden

An account amounting to \$10 was handed in from Mr. John Campbell, for hire of an Engine in July 1879. after some discussion, on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Mackle and Resolved, (Sec. 11 of By Law 2 being suspended)

"That the account of Coun. Campbell be referred to the Street Com. with instructions, if they cannot report for or against the bill, to report up the facts for the Council."

Contingent a/c^{120.94} submitted by the Town Clerk was passed.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday next at 5 p.m.

Wm. Elliott
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Tuesday May 3rd 1881

The Council met this day at 5 p.m.
Present, James H. Turner, Warden
Councillors, Campbell, Watt, Oland,
Heston, Mackle and Russell

The Annual Election for a Warden and three Councillors, having been held this day, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected viz -

John J. Payzant. Warden

A. C. Cogswell. Councillor for Ward One

Henry Watt. Councillor for Ward Two

J. C. P. Frazer, Councillor for Ward Three

adjourned

Wm. Elliott
Town Clerk

Town of Dartmouth, N.S.

I John Y. Payzant do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. So help me God.

Sworn at Halifax
 this 4th day of May
 A.D. 1881 before me
 (sd) Donald Archibald
 Warden of Halifax
 County } (sd) John Y. Payzant

I John Y. Payzant do swear that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of Warden, and 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.

Sworn at
 Halifax this 4th
 day of May, A.D.
 1881 before me
 (sd) Donald Archibald
 Warden of Halifax County } (sd) John Y. Payzant

Town of Dartmouth, S.S.

We the undersigned

Alfred C. Cogswell

Councillor elected for Ward One

Henry Watt

Councillor elected for Ward Two

John C. P. Frazer

Councillor elected for Ward Three

for the 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

this 4th day of

May A.D. 1881

by the above named

Alfred C. Cogswell

Henry Watt

John C. P. Frazer

A. C. Cogswell

Henry Watt

J. C. P. Frazer

Wm. J. Mayant

Taxider.

4/11/11

Town of Dartmouth N.S.

We
Alfred C. Cogswell
Henry Watt
John C. P. Hazee

do severally swear that we are duly qualified as required by law for the Office of Councillor, that we are seized or possessed as the owner in our own right and for our 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 our just debts, and that we have not obtained the same by fraud or collusion to qualify ourselves for Office, and we swear that we will faithfully perform the duties of Councillor while we hold the office with diligence and impartiality to the best of our ability.
So help me God.

Sworn to before
me at Dartmouth
this 11th day of May
A.D. 1881 by the
above named
Alfred C. Cogswell
Henry Watt
John C. P. Hazee
no. 9. Payant.
Harden

A. C. Cogswell
Henry Watt
J. C. P. Hazee

Dartmouth

Wednesday May 4th 1881

The Council met this evg at 7 30 o'clock
Present: John J. Fayzant, Warden
Councillors: Weston, Markle, Russell,
Cogswell, Watt and Frazer.

Minutes of meetings held 2nd & 3rd inst, read
and confirmed.

Sec. 11 of By Law 2 being suspended on
motion of Coun. Markle, seconded by Coun.
Watt, Resolved, "That Alfred Elliot be
appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer for
the ensuing year at a Salary of Eight hundred
fifty dollars per annum, and that he be required
to give the usual bonds for the security of the Town."

Sec. 11 of By Law 2 being suspended, on
motion of Coun. Weston, seconded by Coun.
Russell, Resolved, "That a Committee of
three be appointed from this Council to confer
with the Committee of the County Council in
reference to the matter of the School and other
assessments against the municipality of Dart-
mouth."

The Warden, Couns. Russell and Weston were
appointed as such Committee.

On motion of Coun. Frazer, Resolved
"That a Committee be appointed to nominate
Standing Committees for the ensuing year"
Couns. Weston, Markle and Russell, were
appointed as such Committee, the Com.
then retired, and afterwards reported recom-
mending that the following Standing Coms.
of the Council be as follows:

Streets	Couns. Watt, Weston, Russell
Public Property	" Watt, Weston, Russell
Finance	" Weston, Markle, Frazer
Auditing	" Weston, Markle, Frazer

Tenders	Couns. Markle, Cogswell, Hazen
Schools	" Russell, Hazen, Watt
Licenses	" Cogswell, Watt, Hazen
Police	The Warden, The Recorder Couns. Russell, Markle, Cogswell
Overseers of Poor	Couns. Markle, Watt, Cogswell

On motion the Report was adopted, and the nominations confirmed by the Council.

Sec. 11 of Bye Law 2 being suspended Resolved, in motion of Coun. Markle, seconded by Coun. Watt, That Robt. N. Leahan be appointed Chief of Police at the same salary that he received the past year, and that John W. Lellan be appointed assistant Policeman for the present year, at the same salary, that he received the past year, and that they each be required to give the usual security for the fulfilment of their offices"

Sec. 11 of Bye Law 2 was suspended then Resolved, on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Weston, "That James G. Foster Esquire be appointed, Recorder Stipendiary and Police Magistrate for the ensuing year, to receive therefor four hundred dollars salary and in lieu of all fees and charges against the Town of Dartmouth for professional services"

By Mayors
Wardens

Council adjourned
 A. E. Elliot
 Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday evening
May 9th 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock.
Present John T. Payzant, Warden
Councillors Weston, Mearns & Russell,
Cogswell; Watt and Hazen.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Committee appointed last meeting in County School Assessment Matter reported as follows:— That a conference was held with the Committee of the County Council in the course of which that Committee proposed that \$5000 should be struck off the claim for arrears of School Rates leaving the balance as stated by the Committee of the Council at \$14,000; and that in future the Town should admit its liability for County Rates, and assess for the same. Town Committee cannot recommend the proposed compromise to this Council."

On motion the Report was received ~~unanimously~~ and adopted.

On motion of Wm. Hazen seconded by Com. Russell Resolved "That the appointments of officers made at the meeting of Council held on the 4th inst. be and are hereby confirmed and that Alfred Elliot be Town Clerk, and Treasurer, and James G. Foster, Recorder and Stipendiary Magistrate for the ensuing year."

Letters were read from Mr. H. R. Turner, asking for a conference with the Council in re. proposed Railroad, and setting forth in detail what his offer to build said railway for the subsidy of \$4000 per year for 20 years intended to embrace

It was resolved on motion of Com. Mearns seconded by Com. Russell, "That this Council form itself into a Committee of the whole to receive and confer with Mr. Turner in reference to his offer regarding the Railway

and that said meeting take place on Monday evening next at 7.30. ~~forenoon~~ "forenoon"

Application was read from John Walder for the office of Town Auditor Ordered to be laid on the table.

Letter read from Policeman McFellon requesting that his clothing allowance be increased from \$40 to \$50 per annum. Referred to Police Com.

On motion of Com. Walker seconded by Com. Cogswell, Resolved "That the Report of the select Committee in reference to the conference with the County Council be adopted"

The Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of Mr. W. G. Damp's offer to build proposed Railroad, and inform him that the Council would be pleased to grant him an interview on the subject if he desired it.

Town Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:-

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| Assessor Ward 1 | } | J. R. Glendinning |
| " " 2 | | E. M. Walker |
| " " 3 | | J. J. Walker |
| Overseers of Poor | | Com. Walker, Nath. Cogswell |
| Health Wardens and Health officers | } | J. Y. Cunningham M.D. |
| | | R. W. Leahan |
| | | J. McFellon |
| Clerk of License | | Asst. Eccles |
| Firewards | } | Com. Watt. C. |
| | | J. J. Walker, W. E. Whitty |
| | | J. C. Lawlor |
| Five Constables | } | G. Pawley |
| | | W. H. Linnor |
| | | S. Cunniff |
| | | J. Eccles |
| | | J. Hough |
| Police Constables | } | R. W. Leahan, Chief |
| | | J. M. Lellan |
| Pound Keepers | | Policemen |

Clerk of Markets	J. W. Tufts
Surveyor of Lumber	Arch. Gates
Weighter of Hay Straw & Coal	J. E. Lawlor
Fence Viewer	Jas Stewart
	J. Cover
	J. Jenkins
Measurement of Coal Wood	W. C. Patterson
Grain etc	John Misener
	John Beuston

Sec. 11 of Byelaw 2 was suspended, and
 On motion of Com. Russell, seconded by
 Com. Weston. Resolved, "That Mr. Syme
 be requested to include Dartmouth in his list
 of appointments for addresses, and that the
 Town Hall be thrown open to him on any
 convenient evening for that purpose"

Sec. 11 of Byelaw 2 was suspended, and
 On motion of Com. Russell, seconded by
 Com. Frazer, Resolved, "That a Committee
 be appointed to confer with Rev. Jas Ross and
 W. J. Fraser Esq. with reference to the occupancy
 by them of "Broom" and Myrtle Streets, and
 with a view to obtaining the land necessary
 for the completion of Maple Street"

Mr. May and
 Warden

The Street Com. were appointed as such
 committee.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the
 Assessors to commence their duties at once.

Council adjourned
 A. J. Elliot
 Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Thursday evening May 19 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 o'clock
 Present Councillors Watt, Weston, Russell,
 Henskle and Frazer.

Com. Watt was elected Chairman
 Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

On motion the order of the day was suspended and Mr. W. K. Turner being present laid before the Council a new offer in reference to proposed Railroad which was then discussed by the Council, and laid on the table for further consideration.

A Petition from certain ratepayers of Ward Three was read praying that some work be done to improve Rose St. Referred to Street Com.

A letter from the Nova Scotia Cotton Mfg Co was read, asking what inducements (if any) the Town would be prepared to extend to the Company in event of their locating the Works in Dartmouth. After some discussion the matter was referred to a select Committee consisting of Councillors Cogwell, Mankle and Russell to enquire into and report.

Letter from L. P. Fairbank of 11th & 18th May read, in reference to his taxes for the years 1879 & 1880 & claiming to be reimbursed for the cost of a boat levied on for taxes for the year 1879 which boat he alleged was the property of his son Edward & that the said boat had never been returned to him. He requested a conference with the Council on the matter. Referred to a Committee consisting of Com^{rs} Russell and Mankle.

The following Officers were appointed in room of those appointed at last meeting, who declined to serve:

Assessor Ward 1	~	Alex Lloy
"	"	2 ~ P. Farrell
"	"	3 ~ Frank Hyde
Fire wards	}	J. G. Beecher
	}	H. C. Walker
Surveyor of Lumber		John Jenkins

Section 11 of By-law 2 was suspended Com^r Russell then moved seconded by

Henry Math
Public Officer

Com. Trazee the following resolution which was adopted. "Whereas it is difficult to procure a sworn weigher of Hay, Straw and Coal. Resolved That the Committee on Public Property be instructed to enquire as to the cost of a Hay Scale to be placed at the Town Hall.

Council adjourned
Alfred Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Wednesday May 23. 1881

An emergency meeting of the Council was held this day at 9 a.m. Present, J. Y. Payson Warden, Councillors Weston, Russell, Hall, Trazee and Cogswell.

The meeting was called for the purpose of deciding what course would be pursued in view of an appointment which had been made for a deputation of the Council to meet Sir C. Innes this day at 3 p.m. in reference to the Railway Question.

On motion resolved "That the Council be the Committee to meet Sir C. Innes in this matter."

Council adjourned
Alfred Elliot
Town Clerk

M. Payson
Warden

Dartmouth

Thursday June 2nd 1881

The Council met this evening at 7.30 p.m. Present, J. Y. Payson, Warden. Councillors, Weston, Markle, Russell, Cogswell, Hall and Trazee.

Minutes of meetings held 19th & 23rd ult. read and confirmed.

On motion Sec. 11 of Byelaw 2. was suspended.

Resolved, on motion of Coun. Markle, seconded by Coun. Watt, "That the Clerk be instructed to telegraph to His Honor the Recorder that unless he returns immediately another Recorder will be appointed in his place"

The Street Com. reported that they held an interview with Messrs. Ross and Fraser, the result of which was that Rev. Mr. Ross agreed to convey the land required for the completion of Maple St. to the Town, at a price to be ascertained by arbitration, the money not to be paid over so long as Broom and Myrtle Streets are occupied by those gentlemen, in the event of these Streets being called for, the money to be paid, and in the event of the money being called for the said Streets to be surrendered.

On motion of Coun. Russell seconded by Coun. Grazer, Resolved, "That proceedings be taken to secure the land necessary for the completion of Maple Street, belonging to Rev. Jas. Ross, measuring fifty feet by one hundred and twenty feet, and that as no satisfactory arrangement has been made, the value of said land be determined by arbitration. Resolved further that John^d Walker be appointed arbitrator on behalf of the Town"

The Public Property Com. reported recommending the purchase of a "Howe" Hay Scale by the Town, and that the same be placed on Water St. just south of Quail St. and that the measurers of Coal, etc. be appointed Public Weighers.

After some discussion, Resolved on motion of Coun. Cogswell, seconded by Coun. Markle, "That the matter of Hay Scale be referred back to the Committee to ascertain what price R. Farrell's Scales could be purchased for, also to ascertain if the Committee could be sustained in the opinion of the Recorder in expending such moneys as may be requisite to purchase a proper scale for the Town of Dartmouth"

On motion of Coun. Weston, seconded by Coun. Russell, Resolved "That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Street account and be at the disposal of the Street Com. for general Street services. The same to be replaced from this years ~~estimated~~ assessment"

On motion of Coun. Mankie, seconded by Coun. Russell, Resolved "That the Policemen be instructed to examine and report on the condition of each yard, outhouse, drains and report the same to the Board of Health, ^{action be taken against} and that any rate-payer failing to comply with their instructions."

^{Sec. 11 of Bylaw 2 was suspended and}
On motion of Coun. Weston, seconded by Coun. Russell, Resolved "That the question of the several drains emptying upon the Streets of the Town be referred to the Recorder for his opinion as to the rights of the Town to close up, remove or destroy the same, and that he prepare his opinion and deliver the same in writing at or before the next Council meeting"

^{Sec. 11 of Bylaw 2 was again suspended, &}
Coun. Grazer moved, seconded by Coun. Russell, and Resolved, "That the Offers received or which be received in the meantime by the Council for the construction of a Railway from Windsor Junction to the Town of Dartmouth be considered with a view to acceptance of one or another at the next meeting of this Council which shall be held not later than Friday evening, 10th inst."

Coun. Russell reported that the Police Com. recommend that Policeman McLellan be allowed the sum of fifty dollars per annum for his clothing allowance instead of forty dollars as heretofore and that he be paid fifty cents for a baton purchased by him.

On motion the Report was received and adopted, and Coun. Russell gave notice of motion as follows: "That an additional allowance of ten dollars be made to Policeman No. 2 for clothing to take effect from the

commencement of the present year also that fifty cents be paid to him to reimburse him for a baton purchased by him at his own expense and that the sole and exclusive right to such baton be and reside in the Town and the same shall continue to be the property of the Town now henceforth and forever"

By Fay and
Ward

Comm. Weston asked for two months leave of absence from 20th inst. on motion it was resolved that his request be granted.

The Council then adjourned.

Asst. Elliot.

Town Clerk.

Dartmouth

Friday evening June 10 1881

The Council met this evening
Present - J. Y. Fay, J. Y. Ward,
Councilors, Weston, Marble, Russell,
Cogswell, Watt and Frazer and the Recorder.
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

On motion of Comm. Russell, seconded by Comm. Marble, and Resolved "That an additional allowance of ten dollars be made to Policeman No. 2 for clothing to take effect from the commencement of the present year, and that fifty cents be paid to him for to reimburse him for a baton purchased by him at his own expense, such baton to be the property of the Town."

The offers of Wm. G. Dacey and W. R. Turner to build proposed Railroad were read, also a letter from W. B. McSwaney offering on behalf of Mr. Turner to deposit \$25,000 within 60 days if his offer should be accepted. A letter from John A. Mackenzie on the subject of the proposed Railroad was read, also one from ^{M. Murphy} Provincial Engineer suggesting that it might be advisable to postpone

further action for a short time until the Council communicate with the Government, in view of the following telegram received by him from Hon. H. H. Holmes "Government of Nova Scotia contemplate including Railway to Dartmouth in scheme to consolidate Railways and have invited offers to be made accordingly based on action of Town of Dartmouth. You are authorized to read this to Dartmouth Council."

After some discussion Resolved, on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Marble that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution this evening, then moved by Coun. Russell seconded by Coun. Marble;—

Whereas the Ratepayers of Dartmouth at their last Annual Meeting, authorized the Town Council to pay to any Government or Corporation that would construct a Railway from Windsor Junction to the Town of Dartmouth, a subsidy not exceeding \$4000 a year for 20 years. And Whereas, the only offers that have been received for the construction of said road are as follows:

1st. An Offer from H. R. Gunn to construct the road for a subsidy of \$4000 a year for 20 years or in the alternative for subsidies extending over 28 years and amounting in the aggregate to \$83,500. 2nd. An Offer from W. S. Dacey on behalf of himself and his associates to construct said road for a subsidy of \$3000 a year for 25 years. Therefore resolved. That in the opinion of this Council the offer of the said W. S. Dacey and his associates should be accepted and the same is hereby accepted provisionally subject to the ratification of the ratepayers, and to the proviso that the details of the contract to be hereafter agreed upon shall be satisfactory to the Town Council. Provided always that this acceptance is made upon the condition that said W. S. Dacey and his associates, shall within a reasonable period furnish satisfactory evidence to the Council by way of security or otherwise of their ability to construct said line.

and upon the further condition that the terminus shall be not more than 600 yards distant from the Town Hall and that the road shall be constructed under the inspection, and to the satisfaction of ~~the~~ an Engineer to be named by the Town. Resolved further "That upon the said W. J. Dacey furnishing to the Council within a reasonable time satisfactory assurance by way of security or otherwise of the ability of himself and his associates to construct the said Work, a public meeting of the Ratepayers be called for the purpose of securing such a substantial guarantee as will enable them to proceed with the work immediately without awaiting legislation." The motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of the letters received from J. A. Mackasey and W. B. McSweeney.

Coun. Frazer moved seconded by Coun. Russell that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution this evening, which being moved seconded by the same, was adopted.

That Mr. Dacey be notified by the Town Clerk of the action of the Council in the passage of Coun. Russell's resolution, and that he be requested to inform the Council as to his position, associates &c, and file at an early day such references as he may be in a position to furnish as to his ability to construct the proposed railway.

The Committee on Cotton Mill, reported recommending that an exemption for 30 years be granted from taxation, and that a grant of land of the town be made if desired by the Company provided legislative authority can be obtained.

On motion of Coun. Weston, seconded by Coun. Frazer, Resolved "That the report of the Special Com. appointed in reference to the exemption of the proposed Cotton Factory be referred back to that Com. and that

Mr. Payzant
Warden

They be recommended to acquire if possible further information in reference to the wants of that Company in way of exemption etc."

Council adjourned

Geo. Elliot

Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Saturday July 2nd 1881

The Council met this evening at 8 o'clock
Present. J. Y. Payzant Warden,
Councillors: Cogswell, Markle, Russell &
Watt and the Recorder.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Com. to whom was referred the claim of L. P. Fairbanks for damages and cost of a boat levied on for taxes, reported recommending that Mr. F.'s proposal to settle the matter by paying from the sum of \$60 less the sum of \$46.61 being the amount of taxes for 1880 & debt & costs for taxes of 1879 be accepted and that the Clerk be authorized to pay over the balance to him upon receiving from Mr. F. a release of all claims for damages, and from his son a release of all claim in respect of the seizure of said boat, the boat and fittings to be delivered up before payment of said amount.

On motion of Coun. Russell seconded by Coun. Markle the report was adopted.

The Com. to whom was referred the letter of a Bureau Engineer proposed Cotton Mill reported recommending that in the event of a cotton mill being erected within the limits of the Town and employing not less than 300 hands the Company should be granted an exemption from taxes of all kinds for 30 years on their mill site and machinery, and that a free grant of five acres of Common Land

in one block to be selected by the Company West of Wyse Road should be made to said company whether the proposed mill is erected thereon or not provided power can be obtained from the legislature to make such grant.

On motion of Coun. Markle, seconded by Coun. Watt the report was adopted.

A Petition from A. Gates and others read complaining of the offensiveness and nuisance caused by an oil factory on Water Street near their dwellings, and praying the Council to take steps to abate said nuisance. On motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Watt Resolved "That the said petition be referred to a Com. to be named by His Honor the Warden, with orders to report at the next meeting of Council."

Coun. Russell, Watt and Frager were appointed as such Committee.

Petition read from Jos. Austen and others praying that the old mining shaft on the Common excavated by a mining Company be allowed to remain open, and that it be walled up planked over and a pump placed there in order that a supply of water for domestic purposes may be obtained, the same well would be available for fire purposes.

On motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Cogswell, Resolved "That the petition of J. Austen and others be acceded to, and that the excavation made by the Syndicate Mining Co. be utilized as a public well, provided the same is suitably walled to the surface by the company." Coun. Russell and Cogswell voting for and Coun. Watt and Markle against, carried by casting vote of the Warden.

Letter read from L. P. Fairbanks, complaining that a pile of rick soil &c in his neighborhood was a nuisance. Referred to Health Inspectors to report on.

Letter from Richd. Gyles read praying that licenses be established to be granted to suitable

persons to carry on the night soil business.

Referred to License Com

On motion of Coun. Watt, seconded by Coun. Russell, Resolved "That the sum of four hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Street ac and be at the disposal of the Street Com for general Street services, the same to be replaced from this years assessment."

Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Markle gave notice of motion as follows: "That the Street Com. be authorized to sink a well at a suitable place on Dawson Street, and provide a pump for the same."

Coun. Watt, seconded by Coun. Markle gave notice of motion, as follows; Whereas, From the fact that this Town is occasionally subject to outbreaks of small pox and other contagious diseases, and Whereas The Board of Health of Dartmouth have had great difficulty in the past in obtaining a suitable building to properly isolate such cases, Therefore Resolved, "That the public property Com. be hereby authorized to obtain a plan and specification for a suitable building to be erected in some suitable locality, and further resolved that said Com. be authorized to ask for tenders for the erection of said building, to ascertain the cost and to report to this Council at an early day"

The Recorder's opinion relative to weights and measures, and to private drains opening on streets were read and ordered to be filed

Council adjourned to Monday night at 8 o'clock

Asst. Elliot
Town Clerk

M. P. Payson
Warden

Dartmouth

Monday July 4. 1881

The Council met this evening

Present. J. Y. Payzant, Warden.

Councillors: Russell, Marble, Matt and
Coxwell.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Letter from J. R. Wallace read, complaining that certain boys arrested at the instance of his son, for stealing, were not punished when brought before the Court. Referred to Police Com.

Letter from County Clerk read, inclosing a statement of the amount of County Rates required to be assessed upon the Town for the current year, which according to valuation is placed at \$487.8. Receipt of letter to be acknowledged.

Letter from Rev. Jas. Ross read stating that Mr. E. M. Walker had consented to act as arbitrator in his behalf to determine the price to be set upon the land acquired for the extension of Maple St.

Letter from J. W. Turner read, complaining that the fence on the line of his property on King St has been broken down by material ^{dumped on the street} being placed against it. Referred to Street Com. & Records.

Letter from W. S. Symonds read, requesting to be refunded the ^{cost} amount of Railway Survey notes at last Town Meeting amounting to \$125.⁰⁰/₁₀₀. Referred to Finance Com.

Letter from W. G. Dacey read, stating that he would at an early day give the Council most undoubted evidence of the ability of himself and associates to carry to successful completion any contract that they might enter into, with respect to the proposed Railroad.

A letter from Judge James on the subject of the proposed railroad was read.

Coun^{rs} Russell, Frazer and Cogswell were appointed as the Court of Appeal and Revision to meet on Wednesday 20th July instant at 3 p.m.

Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Cogswell gave notice of motion as follows:-

"Whereas a difference of opinion has arisen among the members of the School Com. as to the rights of Miss Hume for compensation during two weeks in which she was absent by the directions of the School Com. Therefore Resolved, That the question of such right be referred to the Recorder for his opinion with the following statement of the facts:-"

During the first week of such absence Miss Hume was resident at her mother's house in which was a case of diphtheria, and the Committee considering it unsafe for the Schools that she should continue teaching directed her not to do so with which directions she complied, a substitute being appointed and paid by the Town. During the second week Miss Hume changed her boarding house expressly in order to qualify herself to teach with safety to the School, but the Committee in order to prevent any apprehension of danger on the part of the public retained the services of the substitute.

Is Miss Hume entitled to her salary in full or in part for either the first or second week or both under the terms of her engagement?

The Council then adjourned.

W. B. Elliott
Town Clerk

M. Hays and
Wardens

Dartmouth

Monday July 18. 1881

An emergency meeting of the Council was held this day at 2 p.m.

Present. J. Y. Poyzant, Warden
Coun^{rs} Watt, Frazer, Cogswell and Mather

The Warden and Coun. Cogswell, having informed the Council that they were to leave Town for a short time, on motion of Coun. Frazer, seconded by Coun. Cogswell Resolved

"That Coun. Watt be Acting Warden

W. Payzant
Wardens

during the time the Warden should be absent
Coun. Martlee was appointed in Coun.
Coppwell's place on the Court of Appeal.

The Council then adjourned.

Wm. E. E. E.
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday - July 25. 1881

The Council met this evening

Present: J. Y. Payzant, Warden
Coun. Matt. Russell, Martlee, Hazen and
Coppwell.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.
Coun. Russell moved, seconded by Coun.
Coppwell, the following, which was adopted:

"Whereas a difference of opinion has arisen
among the members of the School Com. as to the
right of Miss Home for compensation during
two weeks in which she was absent by the
directions of the School Com. Therefore
Resolved that the question of such right be
referred to the Recorder for his opinion with
the following statement of the facts:-

During the first week of such absence Miss Home was resident
at her mother's house in which was a case of diphtheria, and the Com. consid-
ering it unsafe for the School that she should continue teaching, directed
her not to do so with which direction she complied, a substitute being
appointed and paid by the Town.

During the second week Miss Home changed her boarding house
expressly in order to qualify herself to teach with safety to the
school, but the Com. in order to prevent any misapprehension
of danger on the part of the public retained the services
of the substitute. Is Miss Home entitled to her
Salary in full or in part for either the first or second
week or both under the terms of her engagement?"

Coun. Russell presented a petition from
the Ratepayers of Dawson St. and vicinity
praying that a well be placed in that

locality. Com. Russell then moved, seconded by Com. Maple, "That the Public Property Com. be authorized to sink a well at a suitable point on Dawson St., and provide a pump for the same." passed.

Com. Hatt moved, seconded by Com. Maple the following resolution, to wit: "Whereas from the fact that this Town is occasionally subject to outbreaks of smallpox and other contagious diseases, and Whereas The Board of Health of Dartmouth have had great difficulty in the past in obtaining a suitable building to properly isolate such cases. Therefore Resolved, That the Public Property Com. be hereby authorized to obtain a plan and specification for a building to be erected in some suitable locality, and further resolved, That said Com. be authorized to ask for tenders for the erection of said building - to ascertain the cost, and to report to this Council at an early day." After some discussion Com. Russell moved in amendment, seconded by Com. Frazer, "That a Committee be appointed to enquire generally into the best methods of dealing with contagious and infectious diseases, and particularly to ascertain whether any arrangement can be made by which such cases can be admitted to the Government or City Hospital." The amendment passed. Com. Hatt, Russell and Copwell were named as the Committee.

Petition from J.R. Ormon and others was read praying that the Council take steps to acquire by purchase or otherwise the right ^{entry a drainage} to use the water ^{of the Canal Company} at the foot of Wentworth Street.

On motion received and referred to Com. on Public Property.
Letter from Secy of H. Dispensary read, requesting payment of the usual grant to that institution. Clerk directed to say ^{was for funds} that payment would be made as soon as the Com.

Letter from Hugh Hawthorne was read offering to convey to the Town a piece of land on the south side of ~~West~~ ^{Post} Bay St. - extension of Dundas St. on condition that the Town make the line fences on both sides of such extension. Referred to Street Com.

The Finance Com. reported that the sum of \$125 which W. S. Symonds requested to be refunded ^{to him,} was to be paid from this year's assessment, & therefore cannot be paid until the same is collected. Adopted.

Petition from H. C. Walker and others praying that the Council take steps to procure Glendinning's field (as called) and make over the same free to the Director of the Cotton Mill. Referred to Com. already appointed on this subject.

The Assessment Roll for the Current Year was laid on the table by the Clerk showing a total valuation of \$1,318,530 Real & Personal property amounting to minimum.

The Estimates for the year 1881-2 were then taken up and adopted as follows:-

Expenditure		Revenue	
Schools	5400	Poll Tax	1200
Streets	2000	School Tax	350
Police	1100	" " B. H.	100
Fire Dept.	450	York School Grant	1400
Salaries	1250	Dog Tax	100
Poor (including main. of paupers at Poor's Reg. from 31 Dec 81)	2000	Licenses: Liquor	400
Lamps	500	" " Hack	60
Pumps & Wells	150	" " Truck	40
Interest	750	" " Auction	40
County Rates	2000	Poundage	40
Contingent etc	1000	Common Rents	50
Allowance for N. Col. & Dist.	500	Civil Court Fees	400
Fire School Exemptions	400	Police " "	100
Less: Incidental Rev. \$4425	\$17800	Fines	200
Cash on hand after providing for unpaid accts	1000	Interest	75
Sup. Est. Railway Survey	\$12375	Poor	50
Amt. to be assessed on Property	\$12500	Grant	50
			\$4425

M. Fayzant
Wardens

Coun. Frazer moved seconded by Coun. Russell, that this Council authorize the levying and collection of rates for the current year of ninety five cents on the one hundred dollar, on the assessed value as per assessment roll for the current year and which assessment roll and rate are hereby confirmed" passed.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Acft. Eccit.
Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

Tuesday evening July 26 1881

The Council met this evening at 8 o'clock Present J. Y. Fayzant, W. Gardner, Counors Russell, Markle, Watt, Cogswell and Frazer Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Frazer, seconded by Coun. Watt, resolved, "That the rate to be levied and collected for the current year on property in the City of Halifax and other School Sections of the County of persons resident in Dartmouth and also on the property in the outlying portions of Dartmouth School Section be thirty two cents on the one hundred dollar"

On motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Markle Resolved "That the Poll Tax as provided by Sec. 7 Cap. 40. of Provincial Acts for 1877 entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Dartmouth" be ordered to be levied and collected, and the Poll Tax Book now produced be approved and confirmed"

The Com^r of Cotton Mill, ^{appointed to confer with Directors} reported that there seemed at present no probability of the Cotton Factory being located in Dartmouth as they have been assured that the Company are unable to make terms with the Building

Society, for the purchase of a site in Dartmouth, and the Com. therefore beg to be discharged from further consideration of the subject." On motion the Report was adopted.

On motion of Councilor seconded by Councilor Russell, Resolved, "that the sum of four hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Street Com. for general purposes."

The following accts, were passed and ordered to be paid: viz.

Warner & Harrison 75	J. A. Mackle 2	Rick's Lym 30
G. Adams 2	P. Farrell 2	J. Behen 3.80
J. Ritchie & Co. 75	J. Blackly 2.75	Queen's Parke 1
J. Green 75	Buckley & Allen 150	E. Tufts 8
C. J. Whidden 1.75	J. Bundy 1.45	Contingent 7.30
J. Hyde 15	Mary Beckwith 4	H. Nejus 6
J. A. Hyde 2		Auditors 65
		<u>in all \$152.80</u>

The School Com. submitted a report recommending that the Tufts Cove School be closed up, as the average attendance during the past year was but 18, and as the Inspector reported that on the 13th June last, there was on Register 20, present 14, avg. 10, only 3 present belonging to the Cove unless attendance improves the School should be closed. The Com. were of the opinion that the children of the Cove would be in a better position to receive instruction by attending the graded school in the Town.

On motion the report was received and adopted and Councilor Russell moved seconded by Councilor Mackle that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution to wit, which being moved and seconded by the same Councilors, was adopted, "That notice be given to Miss Helen Hengher teacher of the Tufts Cove School that her services will not be required after the 31st Oct next, and that notice be given to the landlord of the Schoolhouse, that the premises will be surrendered at the close of the present year's tenancy."

Council adjourned A. P. Elliott

Mary Beckwith
wonder

Dartmouth

Tuesday evening
Aug. 23. 1881

The Council met this evening
Present, J. Y. Payzant, Warden
Councillors, Markle, Russell, Copwell, Weston
Watt and Trage and the Recorder.
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Recorder reported in re Miss Hume's Salary as Schoolteacher, that the Town was liable for such salary for the time she was prevented from teaching and should pay it. On motion Resolved "That Miss Hume's Salary be paid in accordance with the Recorder's opinion."

The Commission Oil Factory nuisance reported that they proposed to have an investigation relative to this matter at an early day.

Letter read from G. G. Dunstan, asking the Council to grant the same privileges in aid of a jute factory which was proposed to be established in Dartmouth as had been voted to the Cotton Company. Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Couns. Copwell, Markle Russell and Weston.

Letter from W. H. Newman was read, complaining that the oil factory on Water St. was a great nuisance, and praying that the Board of Health take steps to abate it.

Referred Com. already appointed.

Letter from A. J. Manley read, stating that he had been wrongfully assessed on property occupied by a tenant, and requesting that the assessment be changed. The Clerk was directed to inform him that as the assessment had been confirmed by the Com. of appeal, no changes could now be made.

A complaint from Couns. Carey in reference to a street encroached on, was referred to the Street Com.

Letter from N. J. McCoy, requesting payment of retainer (\$20.) in School Assessment case, was read, and referred to Comm. Watt & Manple & the Recorder to investigate.

Miss Russell teacher of Primary Dept. tendered her resignation, and the School Com. recommended that the same be accepted to take effect on the 31st Oct. next; that her place be offered to Miss Charlotte McKeena at the Salary of \$350, and in the event of her accepting that the dept. now taught by her be offered to Miss H. Downey at a Salary of \$300. on motion the report was received and adopted.

Time for payment of Dog Tax was extended to 31st Aug. after which date owners of all unregistered dogs to be summoned.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid, viz:

J. R. Ormon	\$80.	E. L. Coleman	\$2	J. C. Scaife	\$2
A. Floy	17.	Buckley & Allan	2.15	Lawson & Hamilton	\$37.86
Bowen & Sons	38.75.	F. Smith	5.04	Contingent acs	1423
					in all \$199.03

On motion,

The Recorder was instructed to prepare an acknowledgement to be signed by Jas. W. Turner, respecting his usage of the water by pipes laid to his residence from a certain spring on the Common.

On motion of Comm. Russell, seconded by Comm. Manple, Resolved that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution, which being moved and seconded by the same Comm. passed, viz: "That the Street Com. be directed to remove the pipes or walls or other structures enclosing drains on Wentworth Street, and to close up on the line of the Street, all drains opening thereupon, and that the same directions be given with reference to the drains reported by the Health Inspector as nuisances." opening on Portland St from Christ Metz property, and all other drains reported by the Health Inspector as nuisances."

Resolved on motion that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution, which on motion of Coun. Mackle, seconded by Coun. Cogswell, was adopted, "That the deed of the road in Prince Arthur Park, offered to the Town of Dartmouth, and signed by the owner in said Park be accepted."

Coun. Russell gave notice of motion as follows; "That the Town Clerk be directed to notify the County Clerk that the Town objects to the amount demanded for County Assessment on the grounds that it includes a proportion for pay of Councilors and certain other charges that should not be borne by the Town, and that the whole question of County Assessment, saving the question already under litigation be referred to arbitration."

Mr. Payzant
wonder

Council adjourned,

Asst. Elliot

Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Monday evening

Sept. 12th. 1881

The Council met this evening at 8 o'clock
Present, - J. Y. Payzant Warden Coun.
Russell Mackle, Weston, Craze Matt Cogswell
and the Recorder.
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The School Committee reported recommending that an addition be made to the Salary of Miss Adams equivalent to the amount added to the funds from the Provincial Grant in consequence of her teaching full time instead of as assistant as heretofore, and that this addition apply to the whole period for which Miss Adams has been so teaching.

Resolved That it be expedient to vote on the Report this evening. Then resolved that the Report

be received, adopted, and be acted upon.

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of A. Gates and others, as to an oil factory on Water St owned by Jas. Stans reported that they had ~~investigated~~^{enquired} into the matter, and believed the said works to be a nuisance which should be abated, and recommended that the Recorder be instructed to take the proper steps at once for the abatement of said nuisance. Resolved that it be expedient to vote and further resolved on motion that the report be adopted.

A letter from Donald Ross on the same subject was read and on motion received.

The Public Property Com. reported in reference to the petition of John Williams, referred to them recommending that the Boat house site on a public dock be leased to the said John Williams for the period of five years at a rental of \$10 per annum, from the time of purchase of building to be paid half yearly upon the condition that if the building be not removed at the expiration of the lease it be forfeited to the Town, and if the Town requires possession of the Dock occupied by the building at any time, one month's notice be given to the lessee, said Williams to take the risk of any claim asserted by previous lessees". The Com. further recommended that the Recorder be instructed to take proceedings at once against all persons in arrears for Common Rent. Resolved that it be expedient to vote, and further resolved that that the Report be adopted.

Letter from F. S. Allen requesting that a deduction be made from the amount of his taxes, on the ground of the destruction of his tannery by fire. The Clerk was directed to inform him that the Council had no power to grant his request.

Letter from ^{the} Exhibition Com. requesting the co-operation of the Council in a general illumination of the Harbor proposed to be held take place during Exhibition Week. It was decided to recommend the matter to the favorable

consideration of the citizens.

Resolved on motion of Coun. Watt seconded by Coun. Weston that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution, then further resolved "that the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated for general street purposes"

Resolved on motion of Coun. Watt, seconded by Coun. Russell, that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution, then further resolved

"That the Recorder be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to obtain from the Messrs Humphrey the right to deepen the channel between Top rail and Lamont Lake in accordance with the agreement entered into between Messrs Lamont and the Town, dated Feb. 21/78."

Resolved that it be expedient to vote on the following resolution, then resolved on motion of Coun. Watt, seconded by Coun. Markle

"That in future this Council will not be responsible for any bills, debts or legal services contracted unless by authority of this upon an order signed by the Town Clerk, and further resolved that an advertisement to this effect be inserted in the Royal Gazette and two Halifax daily papers"

Resolved, that it be expedient to vote in the matter of tender received for sinking well on Dawson St. Then further resolved, "That Peter Carrol's tender for the work be accepted."

Council then adjourned

Wm. E. Elliot
Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Tuesday evening

Oct 11, 1881

The Council met this evening.

Present Councillors, Weston, Markle, Russell, Cogswell, Watt and Frazer & the Recorder. Coun. Watt was appointed Chairman. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

M. P. [unclear]
W. [unclear]

A draft of lease to John Williams of Boat Club house site, in accordance with the Com. on Public Property Report was read and on motion the same was approved, and ordered to be executed.

A petition from Rate payers of Swift Cove was read praying that the Council reconsider their determination to close up the School in that district on the 31st Oct. inst. On motion the Petition was referred to the School Com.

The Com. to whom was referred the account of W. J. McCoy ^{\$200} for legal services reported that in being the opinion of the Recorder that the Town was liable for the account, they ^{would} recommend that the same be paid by the Town. On motion the Report was received and adopted.

An application from A. C. Johnston for the situation of Auditor was read.

A letter from Mr. Henry Solr for J. W. Stairs two from Donald Ross, and one from J. W. Stairs all referring to the Oil Factory owned by the latter were read, also a report from Mr. J. W. McDonald on the subject furnished to D. Ross.

Resolved "That it be expedient to vote on the following resolution this evening, then moved by Com. ~~Russell~~ ^{Russell} seconded by Com. Weston, Frazer "That the time requested for closing up the Oil Factory of Wepic Stairs be granted provided the proprietors enter into a formal obligation to close the Oil Works and remove the offensive material at the expiration of the said period" passed.

Accounts from Hon. J. S. W. Thompson and S. G. Rigby Esq. P.C. were handed in, for counsel fees in County School Assessment Case appealed to Supreme Court at Ottawa.

Resolved "That it be expedient to vote and further resolved on motion of Com. Russell seconded by Com. Weston "That the accounts of the Hon. Atty. General, ^{\$200} and S. G. Rigby ^{\$150} for Counsel fees in the School Assessment case be paid."

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid, viz:

Hanner & Harrison 65.	W. Wilson 3.	Paul Faull 15.	
McRussell Co 8.42	John Brook 75	Contingent ac 9.64	
J. Wisdomson 10.98	J. F. Walker 25.20	Herald Co. 9.26	
R. Wacker 14.85	H. C. Walker 1.50	Edw. G. G. 14.88	
John Cribby 23.85	J. B. Worthy 12.25	J. J. Settle 8.	
Jacob Stevens 130	C. S. Pruell 90	Henry Silver 3.20	
Stan Myr Co 5.50	J. Casey 2.20		
			in all \$232.17

Com. Russell gave notice of motion as follows:— "Whereas complaints have from time to time arisen of injustice in the distribution of the money appropriated for Streets, and it is impossible with the limited funds at the disposal of the Committee to meet the demands for improvement that come from all sections of the Town. Therefore Resolved, That as the best practicable approximation to justice, the road money be expended in the various wards in proportion to the assessed value of the property in the several wards. And Whereas, the length of roads in Ward 2 including the whole of Portland and Ockelony Streets is less than the length of roads in either of the other wards, Therefore Resolved That for the purposes of this adjustment the whole of Ockelony and Portland Streets to the borders of the Town including both sidewalks be considered as belonging to Ward 2.

And Whereas, the length of roads in Ward 3 exceeds the combined lengths of roads in Wards 1 and 2. Therefore Resolved That the sum of one hundred dollars which it is necessary to hold in reserve to provide against casualties arising through the winter be deducted wholly from the moneys appropriated to Wards 1 and 2."

Resolved That it be expedient to vote on the following resolution to wit: Then Resolved, On motion of Com. Markle, seconded by Com.

Wiston," That the Town Treasurer be instructed to pay Dr. Yerran the sum of two thousand dollars and interest to 29th Oct under the directions of the Recorder the said sum being the amount of water debentures held by him and of which due notice has been given.

Also Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to Halifax Dispensary the sum of sixty dollars, and that the Warden be authorized to draw and sign the necessary cheques therefor."

Letter from Hon. J. F. Stairs read requesting to be paid ^{\$75, being the} amount advanced by him for account of Railway Survey in Feb last.

Referred to Finance Com.

Coun. Russell submitted a draft deed of land required to extend Maple St. from Rev. James Ross. Resolved That it be expedient to vote, Then Resolved ~~There~~ on motion of Coun. Russell, seconded by Coun. Graze, "That the draft deed submitted from Rev. James Ross to the Town of Wacton, be approved and ordered to be executed."

Time for payment of Taxes was extended to 31st Oct. after which date, ordered that warrants be issued in same manner as last year.

The Recorder submitted a report in reference to the suit of the Town vs. Charlotte Mc Donald for taxes, The Report was read and referred to the Finance Com. with full power to settle the matter.

Coun. Russell gave notice of motion as follows: "Whereas" The Act of Incorporation and the Byelaws of the Town have been found by experience of upwards of seven years to be seriously defective and much expensive litigation has resulted from the ambiguity and obscurity of some of the provisions therein contained, And Whereas the amending Act of 1877 while it contains some useful provisions has stereotyped all such defects in the Byelaws as it failed to

remove, by the unwise provision which gives all the Byelaws of the Town the force and effect of Law, thus taking out of the hands of the Council the power theretofore possessed of amending from time to time such of the Byelaws as were found to be defective. Therefore Resolved

That a Special Committee be appointed to draft an amended Act of Incorporation and code of Byelaws the former to be submitted to the Legislature at its approaching session, and that such committee be composed only of such members of the Council as are willing to serve gratuitously."

Council adjourned

Asst. Elliot

Town Clerk

Dartmouth

Thursday evening
Nov 3^o 1881

The Council met this evening at 9 o'clock
Present, J. Y. Payson, Warden.

Council, Weston, Wankle, Russell, and Chace
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The School Com. reported, "That they had carefully considered the petition of the Katepayers at High Cove in reference to the closing of their School and considering the shortness of the notice and the impossibility of their establishing a school for themselves under the present state of legislation the Com. recommended that the School be continued for another term upon the distinct understanding that after the first of May next the School shall be closed."

On motion the Report was received and adopted.

A letter was read from the County Clerk requesting that a payment be made on account of County Rates for the current year.

Resolved That it be expedient to vote and further

Henry Matt
Society Officer

Resolved on motion of Coun. Weston seconded by Coun. Russell, "That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of one thousand dollars to the County Municipality of Halifax towards County Rates."

A letter from R. N. Leahan Chief of Police was read requesting that his salary be raised to \$600 per annum together with perquisites. Referred to Police Com.

Coun. Maple moved seconded by Coun. Russell, "That the Public Property Com be authorized to take tenders for the building of an addition to the Lockup house to be used as a kitchen by the occupant." Resolved that it be expedient to vote, the motion was then put and passed.

Henry Kelly applied by letter to be appointed public weigher of Hay, Straw, Etc, On motion Mr. Kelly was appointed to the office.

The Street Com. recommended that Hugh Hairsornes offer to open for public use a piece of land on the South side of Portland St. in extension of Dundas St, as set forth in his letter of 25 July last be accepted. It being considered expedient to vote the report was on motion adopted.

The account of the Com's Public Charities for year ending Dec. 31/80 amounting to \$785.85 was passed and ordered to be paid.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid. viz:-

P. Carol	\$81.75	J. Ellis	12.65	Queens Printw	1.00
J. Bibby	1.35	C. Pub. Co.	5.	Baldwin Ho	2.75
Geo. Bond	32.	Black Book	1.25	Brownhoff	1.16
H. Dolby	6.	School Labor	10.50	in all	\$155.40

The Capt. of the Engine Co. reported by letter that the usual semi-annual test of the Fire Apparatus was held on the 5th Oct. when the engines and hose were found to be in good condition.

Coun. Russell moved seconded by Coun. Weston
 "Whereas The Act of Incorporation and the
 Byelaws of the Town have been found by
 experience of upwards of seven years to be
 seriously defective and much expensive
 litigation has resulted from the ambiguity
 and obscurity of some of the provisions therein
 contained. And Whereas the amending
 act of 1877 while it contains some useful
 provisions has stereotyped all such defects
 in the Byelaws ~~in~~ as it failed to remove,
 by the unwise provision which gives all the
 Byelaws of the Town the force and effect of law,
 thus taking out of the hands of the Council the
 power theretofore possessed of amending from
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 to be defective, therefore resolved, That a
 Special Committee be appointed to draft an
 Amended Act of Incorporation and code
 of Byelaws, the former to be submitted to the
 Legislature at its approaching session, and
 that such Committee be composed only of
 such members of the Council as are willing
 to serve gratuitously." passed

M. Payzant
 Warden

The Warden, Couns. Russell and
 Weston, were appointed as such
 committee.

The Council then adjourned
 A. P. Elliot
 Town Clerk

Dartmouth,

Tuesday Jan. 10th 1882

The regular quarterly meeting of the
 Council was held this evening.

Present. J. Y. Payzant, Warden
 Councillors, Russell, Weston, Copwell & Watt
 Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.