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Mr. Cleary as Chairman of Committee of Public Property submits a Statement of repairs of Dock at foot of Salter Street when following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property have the Landing at the foot of Salter Street completed by contract
Which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a committee be appointed to make inquiries into the terms and tenor of Leases granted for Common Lots No^s 1-34 & 35 and to ascertain if any incumbrances and to what extent has been made by the enclosure or fence of Lot No^s in the Road leading from the Stone Bridge Spring Garden South towards Col. Buzalgetts and to report thereon and that Messrs Richardson, Stairs and Fairbanks be that Committee

Which on being put is passed
The Council then adjourned

Halifax December 3rd 1845

George W. Morton having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as one of the City Assessors in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Henry Spinks and James Mahony appointed fire Wardens for Ward No 2, James Black and Adam Reid for Ward No 3 - having taken the Oath prescribed by Law are sworn into Office as Fire Wardens for the City in presence of the Mayor.
December 4th.

Thomas J. Tobin having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as one of the City Assessors in the presence of His Worship the Mayor.
December 4th.

The Assessors having this day assembled in the Mayors room and having agreed to Ballot for the Assessors for the various
Wards

Wards and the following Gentlemen having been
 Balloted, for the respective Wards affixed to their names
 and having taken the Oath prescribed by Law are
 this Day Sworn into Office as Ward Assessors for the
 City for ensuing year

William Clark Esquire Ward No 1 John Taylor Esq. Ward No 4

James Reeves " " " 2 Andrew M'Feyer " " 5

Alexander M'Leod " " " 3 Robert Graham " " 6

In the presence of " His Worship the Mayor
 December 5th

Adam Reid having taken the Oath
 prescribed by Law, is this Day Sworn into Office
 as a Fire Ward for the City, in the presence of
 His Worship the Mayor.

December 12th

William Stairs having taken the
 Oath prescribed by Law, is this day Sworn into
 Office as Fire Ward for the City, in the
 presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax December 22nd 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Stairs, Leishman, Hunter, Hemmison, Fairbanks & Messrs Anderson, Thompson, Richardson, Black, Bollen, Mignowity, King, Greiner Clark, Betting and Hon^{ble} Mr Bell

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the report of the Committee on Subject of Constabulary, appointment of Fire Ward for Ward No 5. The Subject of establishing a night watch, the payment of several accounts and the transaction of other Business

Read over proceedings of 25th November

Read report of Committee on Subject of Constabulary force and Licenses to City Conveyances as entered of 25 November

Read resolution of City Council of 23 June 1845 and 24 June 1845 relative to appointment of Blaybrook to be Constable of Ward No 1 when following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the report, just read lie over for future consideration, which on being put is passed.

The City Council next proceed to appoint a Fire Ward for Ward No 5. vice A G Fraser Esq resigned

Read following Resolution of Boards of Fire Wards.

At a meeting of Fire Wards held at the Engine House for the appointment of Chairman & Secretary on Monday Evening 12th Dec.

A Ballot was taken for the office of Chairman whereupon J. J. Sawyer Esq was declared duly elected Chairman of that Board

It was then moved and seconded that B. C. Bush be appointed Secretary, which being put passed unanimously

Resolved that it be recommended to the City Council to allow the future Secretary of

— December 22^d 1846. —

of the Board the Sum of Ten pounds Annually
for his Services

At a meeting held last evening
it was resolved that Messrs. A. S. West, & M. Kinlay
and E. Billing Esquires, be recommended to the Council
as suitable persons for Fire Wards, one being required
at present in Ward No 5

Resolved that it be recommended
to the City Council that the Fire Wards and Fire
Constables be sworn into Office at the same time
that the lists of both may be revised at the
annual Meeting of the Board

Resolved that it be recommended
to the City Council to adopt such a plan as they
may deem advisable toward obtaining for a Body of
young men not exceeding one Hundred and fifty in
number, who shall enroll themselves as Engine Workers and
afford every assistance in their power in working the Engines
the exemption from Road Money

Hallifax

22^d Dec^r 1846

(Sgr^s)

By Order of the Board

B. C. Brehm

Secretary

When on Motion it was —

Resolved that Edward Billing Esq^r
be appointed a Fire Ward for Ward No 5 vice
A. G. Fraser Esq^r

Which on being put is passed —

The following Resolution is next introduced
Resolved that the Committee in
making up their estimate include the Sum of Ten
pounds to pay the Secretary of Fire Wards for his
services for ensuing Year out of which he is to pay
for Stationary Blank Summonses and other expences
that may be necessary for serving of notices of Board
of Fire Wards

Which on being put is passed —

The following Resolution is next introduced
Resolved that the sum of Two
hundred pounds be included in the estimate for
ensuing year to pay for a night Watch

Which on being put is passed —

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the sum of Sixty pounds be included in the Estimate for Ensuing year to pay assistant overseer of Streets

Which on being put is passed

The following amounts are ordered to be paid by check on City Treasurer (for amount) 19.5.9

Thomas Malloyay	£21.12.0	Robt Richardson	£20.14.1
Benjamin Smithers	1.16.9	" ditto "	6.17.0
John Longard	16.5.5	A. Stephens & Son	14.15.7
Mathew Lownds	1.5.0	Jno Longard	13.7.3
Tho ^s Lownds	. 14.1	Jno McQuay	

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the City Treasurer be requested to furnish the City Council at its next meeting with a list of persons who have neglected to pay their Assessments with the amount due by them for the present Year, as also a statement of the probable amount to be recovered from such deficiencies

Which on being put is passed;

Halifax 28th December 1845

At the quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this Day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Stairs Leishman, Hunter, Fairbanks, Rugg M^r. Cleary, Anderson Richardson, Black Bolton, Mignewitz, Rugg Greener Clark, Billing and Hon M^r. Bell

Read over proceedings of 22nd December

Read report of Committee on subject of Constabulary Force and Licences to City Constables as entered for 25th November. When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report just made lie over to be taken up on some future Day to which following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that a Constable be appointed for Ward No 1 and that Police Constable Glazebrook acting in that capacity be relieved from that duty and that the party appointed to that duty reside in that Ward Which Amendment being put is passed ten voting for it and five against it The original resolution is therefore lost

The City Council next proceed to take into consideration, the subject of the night watch, when following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that a night watch be established and that His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen employ twelve persons, out of whom the Mayor and Aldermen shall appoint a Captain and Superintendent, and the sum allowed therefor be and after the rate of Twenty shillings per week for each person so employed, for a period not longer than 30th April

Which on being put is passed

Read following Petition of Garret Cotter and other Constables for Increase of pay.

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the sum of Ten pounds be added to each of the Ward Constables Salary to commence on 1st January next In consideration of which they are to provide themselves with and appear on duty in such distinguishing dress as may be approved of by the Mayor and Aldermen to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that a Constable Uniform be furnished to the Ward Constables to be worn by them when on Duty The Pattern and quality to be determined on by the Mayor + Aldermen and paid for out of the City funds not exceeding \$10 per Annum for each which Amendment being put is lost

The Original Resolution is then put and there appearing eight for it and nine against it is therefore lost and the names being called they stood thus

For the Resolution	
Meper	Clary
"	Black
"	Breamer
"	Mignowitz
"	King
"	Clark
"	Anderson
"	Richardson
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Against the Resolution	
Meper	Stairs
"	Memmeon
"	Lishman
"	Rugg
"	Bell
"	Bolton
"	Hunter
"	Fairbanks
"	Billing
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Dec. 28th

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Hon. Mr Bell have leave to withdraw the foregoing Bill which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the sum of seven pounds ten shillings be added to each of the Ward Constables Salary to commence on 1st January next in consideration of which they are to provide themselves with and appear on duty in such distinguishing dress, as may be approved of by the Mayor & Aldermen

Which on being put is passed

nine appearing for it and against it

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that no person shall be deemed eligible to fill the situations of any of the City Officers in the appointment of the City Council unless he resides in the City and continues so to do during the period he shall hold the same

Which on being put is passed

Read City Treasurers Bond bearing date 7th November 1845 signed by himself and Messrs Samuel Banard and Hugh Startshorn his securities which is ordered to be filed

Council adjourned until tomorrow.

25th December

Edward Billing Esq having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as a Fire Ward for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Halifax 29th December 1846

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day - Present - His worship the Mayor - Aldermen Stairs, Lewisman, Hunter, Thompson, Fairbanks, Rugg. Mr. Anderson, Cleary, Richardson, Black, Bolton, Magnowicz, King, Billing & Hon^{ble} M^r Bell

Read over proceedings of yesterday
The City Council proceed with the Business standing over from yesterday when following appointments are made

Five Constables

- Ward No 1
- John Bauer
- James D. Manson
- Thomas Bauer
- John Fay
- Patrick Costin
- Rich^d Ferman Jur.

Ward No 2

- Edward Lawson
- William Full.
- William Doyle.
- Joseph Wier
- James H. Tidmarsh
- Joseph Quinnan

No 3

- Benjamin D. Crew.
- James Croftill Jur.
- James B. Oxley
- W^m Goreham Jur.
- John B. McDonnell
- Thomas Rhind

Measurers of Coals

- William Holland
- Joseph Findlay
- John O'Connell
- Patrick O'Connors
- Henry Inglis
- James Callen
- W^m Barkley

Five Constables

- Ward No 4
- William Jamieson
- George Eason
- Martin Black Jur
- James Isles
- W. A. Coleman
- William Pallister

No 5

- Michael Donnan
- Edward Young
- Patrick Moran
- John W. Croftill
- Thomas Crighton
- Joseph Northup

No 6

- Foster Snelling
- Martin P. Black
- Andrew Mitchell
- Charles Silver
- J. Muckle
- George Smith

Measurers of Salt & Grain

- John Kelly
- John Jennings
- Thomas McCann
- John McKay
- William Robt
- James Auld
- John Martin
- Ambrose Keating

Surveyors of Lumber

Henry Spikes

Wm. Henderson

Daniel M. Thewson

James Sutton

Alexander Carr

Surveyors of Bricks

Jesse's Inspector Mason Work

Nicholas Wright

Robert Malcolm

James Reid

Hugh M. Kenzie

Clerks of the Markets

Francis Stephens

Gebina Hall

Measures of Wood

Jacob Pousner

John Walker

Cornelius O'Sullivan

Thomas Ruggle

Weights & Inspector ofPickled Beef & Pork

Thomas C. Beamish

John Parker

Inspectors of Painter Work

George Smithers

Stephen Studley

Henry Merrick

Goat & Hog Reeves

Edward Jones

Rupert Hill

Samuel Morton

Arnold Nordheimer

James Belcher

Alexander Wallace

Inspectors & Scales of Leather

Thomas McMurray

William Wipwell

James Forwood

Read Statement and accounts from Commissioners of Poor of expenditure for past year and amount required for ensuing year

The following report of the Committee on Public Accounts, as also Statement of Amount to be Apportioned upon City is Read:

— Committee Room

Halifax 29th Decr 1846

The Committee of Public Accounts beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the various accounts submitted by the City Clerk for their inspection, for demands against the City to 31st December 1846 which they find duly certified and correct, and the Committee have accordingly placed them in the amount of apportionment about to be made on the Citizens for the Year 1847.

The Committee feel gratified in being

able to make known to the Public that the Assessment referred to above, about to be made for the ensuing year will be £500 less than that of the Current Year

In making this fact known it will in the opinion of the Committee, be proper to make known to the Citizens the cause of this reduction, more particularly as a larger amount by £500 is required for the support of the Poors Asylum the coming year which is included by the Committee in the scale of assessment now to be submitted for the consideration of the Council, some of the causes of Reduction in the Assessment for the ensuing year to which your Committee have referred are these viz

An Increase in the City Rents	£275.0.0
Compared with that of 1845 of	200.0.0
Less required for Sundries for 1847	121.0.0
" " in repairs & contingencies	

The Estimate for the year 1847 The Committee now beg to lay before the Council and recommends the sum of £4000.0.0 be assessed for that year All of which is respectfully Submitted
(Sgn) B E Black

Chairman
Charles M Cleary
G D Hunter
Daniel Creamer
Edward Billing

Statement Shewing the Amount of Balances unpaid for 1846 - amount of accounts presented for payment and the Estimate for 1847

(Balance)

— Dec. 29th —Balances unpaid for 1846

Salaries of Public Officers due 31 st Dec 1846	388 15	
Constables one month	31 3 4	
Overser of Streets	30	
Health Inspector Keeper of Markets	5 5	
Warden Keeper of Fish Market	6 5	
Keeper of Powder Magazine 6 months	10	
Premium of Insurance on Court House	22 10	1196 18 4
Amount due Comptrollers of Poor		300
		<u>1196 18 4</u>
Amount in hands of City Treasurer	577 6	
Probable amount to be collected from Assessment of 1845	740	1277 6
Probable amount to meet Assessment		<u>1480 2 2</u>

Accounts presented for payment

English & Blackadar for Advertising	5 6 3	
J. H. Croftkill do	6 3 4	
C. McKenzie & Co for Stationary	21 16 6	
Robert Motton work done at water Closet	1 12 5	
W. G. Anderson work done for City	4 9 4	
W. M. Merrickson Painting & Glazing done City Post	12 13 10	
Copier & Co. Advertising	2 10 6	
Do ^t Home Attendance at Brecknell	16 13 4	
Ritchie & Sugent printing Blankets & Advertising	25 3 4	
Mr. W. Black Int ^l due him 1 st May 1847	33 7 9	
Dechezeau & Co.	3 4 5	
James Joco Carpenter Work on City Buildings	42 0 2	
Black & Brothers Ironmongery for use of City	5 1 8	
William Annand Advertising	14	1806 11
Estimate for 1847 — Carried forward —		

Pensions

John Sciddle Esquire

D. J. Clarke do

Salaries

Mayor

Recorder

City Clerk

City Marshall

Assistant City Clerk

2 Police Constables

5 Ward Constables

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Amount brought forward

£ 180 16 11

Estimate for 1847

Pensions

John Seddell Esq	250 .	
D. J. Clarke Esq	300 .	550

Salaries

Mayor	300 0 0	
Recorder	200 0 0	
City Clerk	300 0 0	
City Marshall	80 0 0	
Assistant City Clerk	150 0 0	
2 Police Constables @ £80.	160 0 0	
6 Ward Constables @ £57.10	345 0 0	
Keeper of Market & Health Inspector	20 0 0	
Under Keeper of Fish Market	25 0 0	
Keeper of Powder Magazine	20 0 0	
Overseer of Streets	120 0 0	
Assistant do	60 0 0	
City Appraisors	15 " "	
Copying & Printing	7 10 " 1802 10 "	

Amount required for Poor

1700 0 0

Fire Department

For Engine Service	150 0 0	
" Pump Wells	150 0 0	
Keeper of Engine House	15 0 0	
For person in charge of Tanks	10 0 0	
Secretary to Fire Department	10 0 0	
Contingencies	10	345 0 0
Amount required for Watch	200 0 0	
do do Bridewell	250 0 0	450 0 0

Repairs to Public Property	300 0 0	
Contingencies	157 5 3	
Treasurers Commission	213 0 0	970 5 3
Deduct		£599 8 12 2

Probable balance to be received by City Treasurer	480 2 2	
Probable Amt fines & fees in Police Office Mayor's Court	500 0 0	
Rents of City Property	1018 10 0	1998 12 2
Amount to be assessed		£4000 0 0

(Sgn^d) B E Black
(Chairman)

December 29th 1846

When following Resolutions are introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee on Public accounts, as also the Statement of amount to be assessed on the City for the ensuing year be received adopted and published

Which on being put is passed,

Resolved that the Sum of Four Thousand pounds shall be assessed or levied on or be collected or raised from the City for and towards the necessary expenses of the City for the Year 1847 and agreeably to the Statement this Day laid before the Council

Which on being put is passed

Whereas The City Council have by a resolution of this Day ordered and directed the sum of Four thousand pounds to be assessed or levied on or be collected or raised from the Inhabitants of the City for and towards City purposes for the ensuing year The City Council direct that the City Clerk give notice to the City and Wards assessors, to make said assessment on the Citizens of the respective Wards agreeably to Law, and that the City assessors return the same to the Office of City Clerk agreeably to Law.

The following Resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that the City Treasurer do forthwith issue Warrants of Distress against all persons who have neglected to pay their assessment due to the present time together with the rate of per Centage for non payment thereof and make return of his proceedings to this Council within thirty days from the date hereof, and that this Resolution be published

Which on being put is passed

Resolved that the Sum of Five Hundred and Fifty pounds be added to the assessment for the ensuing year for the purpose of paying of the debt due Hon^{ble} W^m A Black

Which on being put is lost 11 voting for it and 13 against it

Halifax January 11th 1847

Michael Graham sworn into Office as Special Constable to execute Warrants of distress for collection of Poor & City Rates in presence of his Worship the Mayor

January 14th 1847

The following persons having been appointed Fire Constables for the Wards affixed to their names and having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law. are this day sworn into Office in presence of his Worship the Mayor.

Ward No 1

- John Bauer
- James D. Marison
- John Fay.
- Richard Tremaine Junr

Ward No 2

- James W. Tidmarsh
- Joseph Lunnan

Ward No 3

- Benjamin D. Crook.
- James Crookhill Junr
- Mr. Bercham Junr
- John B. McDonald
- Thomas Rhind

Ward No 4

- William Jamieson
- Martin Black Junr
- Wm J. Coleman
- Wm Pallister

Ward No 5

- Michael Donnover
- Edward W. Young
- Patrick Moran
- John W. Crookhill
- Thomas Crighton
- Joseph Rathup

Ward No 6

- John Fulling
- Martin G. Black
- Andrew Mitchell
- Charles Silier
- John Nuttle

January 15th 1847

William Full having taken the Oath prescribed by Law. is this day sworn into Office as Fire Constable for Ward No 2 in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Jan 15th 1847

James B. Ouby having taken the Oath prescribed by Law. is this day sworn into Office as Fire Constable for Ward No 3 in presence of Alderman Hunter

Halifax January 15th 1847

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Stairs, Leishman, Hunter, Hemmings, Fairbanks, Rugg, Cleary, Anderson, M^r Richardson Black, Bolton, M^r Mignowitz, King, Creamer, Black Billing & Hon^{ble} M^r Bell

The City Council were summoned to appoint a Constable for Ward No 1 a Health Inspector a Keeper of Markets & Collector of Dog Taxes, to consider the petition of M^{rs} R Tobin, relative to her appointment to appoint Inspectors of Pickled Fish & Quagers of Oil, a Fire Ward for Ward No 5 the payment of several accounts to appoint a Committee to receive tenders for ensuing year &c &c

Read over proceedings of 29th December

The City Council proceed to appoint a Constable for Ward No 1 when the several applications having been read and there appearing for Patrick Caulfield eleven Joseph Price 1 Andrew Mackasy 1 W^m Blinett 3 and John Hamilton 1

Patrick Caulfield is therefore appointed Constable for ward No One,

The City Council next proceed to the appointment of Health Inspector and Keeper of Markets

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that this Council will at their next meeting proceed to the appointment of a fit and suitable person for a Health Inspector and Keeper of Markets and in the mean time James Ham be continued in office

Which on being put is passed,

The Petition of M^{rs} R Tobin relative to her appointment is read when following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the attention of M^{rs} Tobin be called to the requisition of the Law and that her Petition lie over till they be complied with

Which on being put is passed

The following persons are appointed Inspectors of Pickled Fish and Gauges of Oil for ensuing year

Timothy Conners
 Francis Parrott
 John Sargent
 Thomas Shea
 George Little
 Edward Sturmy
 Dennis Steffman
 Thomas Graves

Alexander Adams
 Thomas Wilson
 Joseph McGill
 William Worrell
 James Fortune
 Thomas German
 Edward Gauld

Samuel King appointed measurer of coal

Lucas appointed surveyor of lumber

The following communication from Fire Department is read

At a meeting of Fire Wardens held on Monday Evening 4th January 1847

A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Engine Company communicating the appointment of Mr. Geo. Hallway as First Lieutenant No 4 Engine which appointment was approved of.

Mrs. A. S. West and George Brighton have been recommended to the City Council as suitable persons to be appointed Fire Ward

There being a vacancy at present in Ward No 5

Mr. Billing having called the attention of the Board to the great necessity for guarding against accident by fire to the Powder Magazine

On motion of Mr. Sutherland it was unanimously resolved that the dangerous situation of the Powder Magazine demands the immediate attention of the City Council, and the Fire Warders urgently request that Body to adopt such measures as they may conceive proper to protect our citizens from the calamitous consequences of accident by fire to that Building

Mr. Sinclair having called the attention of the Board to the Vague Authority

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with which Fire Wards felt they were invested, it was Resolved unanimously that the City Clerk be requested to furnish them with a distinct copy of the several enactments for their guidance

On Motion of Mr. Sutherland it was Resolved that the City Council be requested to assume the management of the Master Swaps and adopt such measures as that Body deem most effective to compel the regular and punctual discharge of the duties devolving on those who undertake to sweep the Chimneys of the City

By Order of the Board
 (Sgn^d) B. C. Dehn Secy

Thomas Hallway having been recommended as 1st Lieutenant of Engine No 4 vice Benjamin Smithers resigned said appointment is confirmed -

A. J. West Esquire is appointed Fire Ward for Ward No 5 vice James Merkle Esq^r resigned

January 15th 1847

William Doyle having taken the Oath prescribed by Law, is this day sworn into office as Fire Constable for Ward No 2 in presence of Alderman Hunter

The following Resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that that part of Fire Wards Resolution relative to the State of Powder Magazine be referred to Committee of City Property to ascertain as to the practicability of having the Powder removed to some of the Government Magazines, and if not, as to the propriety of repairing present Building or erection of a new Building at a more suitable place

Which on being put is passed

Resolved that fifty copies of the Act relative to Fire Wards now in pamphlet form together with the amendments made thereto be printed for the use of Fire wards and others

Which on being put is passed,

The following Gentlemen are appointed to receive Tenders for the various City Works for ensuing year

- Alderman Fairbanks
- M^r Richardson
- " Creamer
- " Bolton
- " Mignovitz

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that all accounts of whatever kind previous to their being submitted to Council for ^{Payment} Judgement by the City Clerk be first laid before Committee on Public Accounts for their inspection

Which on being put is passed

(See minutes of 18th June 1847.)

January 20th 1847 A L West Esquire having taken the oath prescribed by Law. is this day sworn into office as Fire Ward for ward No 5 in presence of His Worship the Mayor

February 2nd 1847

Joseph Wier having taken the oath prescribed by Law. is sworn into office as Fire Constable for ward No 2 in presence of Alderman Stairs

February 3rd 1847

Thomas Bauers having taken the oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into office as Fire Constable for ward No 1 in presence of Alderman Stairs

February 2nd 1847

George Eason having taken the oath prescribed by Law. is sworn into Office as Fire Constable for ward No 4 In presence of His Worship the Mayor

February 3rd 1847

Patrick Costin having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this Day sworn into Office as Fire Constable for Ward No 1 in presence of Alderman Stairs

February 5th 1847

Robert Walker, Jacob Housner Cornelius Sullivan and Thomas Ruggles having taken the Oath prescribed by Law, are this Day sworn into Office as Measurers of Wood in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

February 5th 1847

John Kelly, Thomas McCann, William Robt. John Jennings, John Martin, John McKay and Ambrose Keating having taken the Oath prescribed by Law are this Day sworn into Office as measurers of salt and Grain in presence of His Worship the Mayor

February 5th 1847.

William Holland, Joseph Findlay, Samuel King, William Burkley, John O'Connell, Patrick O'Connell, James Cullen and Henry Inglis having taken the Oath prescribed by Law, are this Day sworn into Office as measurers of Coals in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Halifax February 11th 1847

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day - Present: His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Stairs, Leishman, Hunter, Hemmick, Fairbanks & Rugg, Messrs Cleary, Anderson, Thompson, Richardson, Black, Bolton, King, Creamer, Clark & Billing

The City Council were summoned to appoint a Health Inspector & Keeper of Markets - to consider the rules & regulations for the Government of Constabulary - The payment of several accounts, and the transaction of other Business

Read over proceedings of 15th January 1847.

Read over following Rules and Regulations for the government of the Constabulary

"The City Marshall shall attend the City Council and the City or Mayor's Court whenever they shall meet, and at all times be at the command of the Mayor or Officer presiding at the Police Court; he shall daily, (and oftener if necessary) report to the Mayor or officiating Alderman all causes of complaint brought to his notice, either by the Constables or other persons; to have the superintendance of the City Constables, to see that they are in regular attendance at the proper time, and strictly discharge their several duties; and should he have any cause of dissatisfaction or complaint against either of the Constables, he shall immediately make the same known to the Mayor or presiding Alderman.

The Constables in rotation shall be on Night Duty - to be in attendance at Police Office at eight o'clock in the evening - and to remain on duty until halfpast eight o'clock the following morning, when they are to be relieved by the Police Constables not on night duty. The Constable on Night-Duty are to have the various Offices put in Order by halfpast eight o'clock A.M. - The Police Constable whose turn it shall be for Night duty, shall be at liberty to leave the Office on that day at four o'clock

Each Ward Constable will go through his Ward constantly from 8 o'clock A.M. to six o'clock P.M. from month of October to month of April and from 8 o'clock A.M. to 7 o'clock P.M. from April to October except on night duty, when they

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commence their rounds at 10 o'clock A.M. To serve all notices and summonses for any offences committed in their Ward. assist the Police Constables in apprehending criminals, notice especially all nuisances in Yards or Streets the slaughtering of Cattle in improper places and Incumbrances in the Streets. with the names of the several persons who may be liable therefor - breachers of the License Law, and Lord's Day Act - Violations of the Regulations made for Truckmen, particularly as to occupying other stands, than those allotted, all Carts, Sleds and trucks not marked as required, disorderly driving - trucking without license as also to impound all cows and horses going at large to seize all pigs running at large, and have the same condemned and sold - to report all the names of owners of Dogs without collars, in going their daily rounds to have a careful supervision of Wells and Pumps, report any out of order, also to prevent filling of Casks at the Pumps quell all Riots, all use all other means in their power for the preservation of the quiet and good order of the City. They will report to the City Marshal the State of the Ward twice a day by 12 o'clock at noon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Police Constables to be in daily attendance at the Police Office from 8 o'clock A.M. until 4 o'clock P.M. (except on night duty, when they shall appear at 10 o'clock A.M.) with the exception of an hour for dinner - to serve all warrants - apprehend all criminals, and in every other respect to attend to the various other duties of the Office - one to remain in Charge from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 o'clock P.M. when he is to be relieved by the Officers for night duty.

The Constables will hold themselves in readiness to attend any person calling upon them either by day or night, for the discharge of their duty as Constables in arresting notorious disorderly or lewd persons, common beggars, drunkards and other offenders against the Law, and bring them before the Mayor if between the hours of Ten o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P.M. after four o'clock to place all offenders in the lock up Room until 11 o'clock the next morning, when the

same to be reported, and the offenders to be brought up for examination by the Constable by whom they were arrested

Should any Constable get into any difficulty or trouble in the discharge of his duty after Office hours, he is to apply to the Alderman of his Ward for advice, and in his absence to any other Alderman, and be guided by his instructions

In the event of Fire breaking out the Police Constables shall immediately inform the Mayor, and the Ward Constables, the Alderman of his Ward, and place themselves under their directions. The Police Constables must have their names and the Ward Constables their number and Ward painted on a Tin plate, which must be placed in some conspicuous part of the front of the House in which they reside

The Constables are constantly to wear the dress appointed for them, and to carry the Staff of Office when on duty and at night

Any Constable engaged in any other Business except that appointed by these Rules - (except by special permission) shall be liable to be dismissed from his office - When following Resolution is introduced -

Resolved that the Rules & Regulations now now made for the government of Constabulary be passed, that the same be published, and a copy furnished the Constables

Which on being put is passed

The following Resolutions are next introduced

Resolved that the City Council now proceed to the appointment of Health Inspector and Keeper of Markets for the City

Which on being put is passed

Resolved that the Salary of Health Inspector and Keeper of Markets be Fifty pounds to which following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that James Ham be continued as Health Inspector at a Salary of Twenty pounds - (which amendment being put is lost)

The Original Resolution is then put and eleven voting for it and five against it said Resolution is passed

— February 11th 1847 —

The City Council next proceed to appoint a Health Inspector & Keeper of the Markets for the City. When there appeared for Francis Stephens 10 Marking 5 Adams 1

Francis Stephens is therefore appointed Health Inspector & Keeper of Markets for the City

The City Council direct the payment of the following accounts by Check on the City Treasurer

Andrew Betchu £ 10.8.5	Rob ^t Malcolm 51.0.2
James Ham " 5.0.0	Joshua Lee 3.1.6
James Sull " 12.5	E. Young 5.16.1
Rob ^t Malcolm " 13.2	Edward Davis 1.5.5
John Fitzpatrick 14.10.3	J. Morris Esq ^r 25.0.0

Rep appointed Fire Constable for Ward No 4

David B. Clarke appointed Fire Constable for Ward No 6

Read directions for regulations of Convoysances

The following Resolution is next introduced

From information recently received there is every reason to suppose that there was during the Administration of Sir P. Wainland or of that of Sir Colin Campbell an order passed by the Lieutenant Governor and Council which reserved to the Town or City of Halifax certain Water Lots fronting on the Harbour below Fresh Water Bridge, and at or near Richmond

Be it Resolved that the Committee of Public Property and His Honour the Recorder be requested to ascertain whether such reservations were made, and for the future guidance of the City Council in the matter to report thereon

Which on being put is passed.

The following Report of the Committee on subject of Lots Nos 1. 34 & 35 of Common Lots is Read

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Report of Committee on Common Lots No^s 1, 34 & 35

In seeking information relative to the action of the City Council, at various periods, in reference to the Common Lots your Committee find in Minutes of Council, date "14th July 1841" a Resolution as follows.

Resolved that the City Clerk be directed to advertise the vacant Lots to be let at Public Auction after 7 days notice. On further investigation it would appear that the City Clerk in carrying out the above resolution caused an Advertisement to be inserted in the Public Prints of which the following is a copy from the Times of the 24th August 1841

To be let by DeBlois & Muckle on the 1st September the following Lots on the Spring Garden Road known as Lot No. 1 formerly in possession of the late Alexander McDougal and Lots No^s 34 & 35 lately occupied by James Smith possession to be given immediately and terms made known at the time of Letting

In accordance with the tenor of the Advertisement a Letting by Public Auction did take place when, previous to the Lots being put up, the Terms of Letting as suggested by the Commissioners or Parties having control, were proclaimed, and a record of the same made in the Auctioneers Book as follows "Letting of the Lots on the Common by Order of the Commissioners, the Lots to be let until the end of the Corporation Bill, about four and a half Years, possession to be immediately had Rent to be paid yearly in advance, The Parties are obliged to plant a certain number of Trees in front of the Lots

Terms Cash 3rd September 1841

Lot No 1 according to the above terms

C Hill £ 5.0.0

Lot No 2 opposite M^r Hills Lot

The Lot to be fenced C Hill £ 5.0.0

Lots No 24 & 25 formerly occupied

by James Smith this Lot to be fenced

Robert Smith £ 10.15.0

— February 11th —

Your Committee find, subsequent to the letting, some minutes in reference to the Common Lots in Records of the Commissioners of the Common as follows

Halifax 30th October 1845

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Common held this day Present, Aldermen Fryer, Hemmings Fairbanks, Councillors Black & Hunter

The Chairman brought before the notice of the Board an application from Messrs Ring, Andersons others for Leases of Common Lots which they had purchased.

It was Resolved that the Chairman be requested to obtain the written opinion of the Recorder, as to the length of time for which the Council can grant Leases of the Common Lots on Spring Garden Road, which have become forfeited to the City, and likewise that the Recorder be requested to prepare a draft of a lease of such Lots

(Sgr^o) Henry Fryer
Chairman

January 17th 1845

Resolved that the Recorder be requested immediately to comply with the Resolution passed by the Board on the 30th October last &

(Sgr^o) Henry Fryer
Chairman

Your Committee cannot discover any action other than that detailed on the part of the City Council or on the part of the Commissioners of the Common in reference to the Common Lots, but your Committee would state for the information of the City Council that they find that a Lease has been granted bearing date 15th November 1845 for the unexpired time of nine hundred and ninety nine years to Mr Anderson of Lots Nos. 34 & 35 which Lots by the memorandum of letting were hired, say No 1 by Hill and No 34 & 35 by Robert Smith for a very limited period

In Reference to an encroachment made by the parties fencing in Lot No 1

Your Committee find on measuring the Lot from West to East fronting on Spring Garden Road