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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. Leahan (5)	24.45	Hamm & Harrison	47.55
J. J. Settle	4.20	P. Boun	13.80
E. Tuft	8.	W. Dillman	2.
A. Huhn	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 occupants 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
				Edw. 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
 \$220.70 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 Myer	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. W. H. 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^r Oland seconded by Coun^r 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^{ble} 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. Winkle, Pres Officer
P. Farrell 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 Watt, Weston, Campbell
Russell and Oland, and the Recorder

Minutes of last meeting read and
confirmed.

Comm. Weston moved, seconded by Comm.
Watt "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. Hutchinsone 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 Proby 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. This ^{of emergency} 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.
Kitchie & Co	3.65	W. A. Hendry	4.	J. Greene	3.95
J. Crook	50	F. 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 Elliot
Town Clerk

Read & Approved
James W. Sumner
Warden

Dartmouth

Tuesday Apr. 26th 1881

The Council met today at 2.30 o'clk.
Present... James H. Turner, Warden
Councillors Campbell, Watt, Oland, Weston
Mackle 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. Mackle "That it be expedient to vote on the following resolution at once" the motion passed and Coun. Oland then moved, seconded by Coun. Mackle, 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 S.D.

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 eve at 7 30 o'clock
Present: John J. Gayzant, 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

Alfred 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, Maule & 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. Maule 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:-

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. E. 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. Galt
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 view 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