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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1915.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1915.

TOWN CLERK,
Edward A. Hewett.

TOWN TREASURER,
Charles A. Wilbar.

SELECTMEN.

Ernest Leach, 1913
Roland M. Keith, 1914
Frederic K. Bonney, 1915

ASSESSORS.

Ernest Leach, 1916
Roland M. Keith, 1917
Frederic K. Bonney, 1918

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Ernest Leach, 1916
Roland M. Keith, 1917
Frederic K. Bonney, 1918

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Albert F. Hunt, 1913
Katherine C. Prophett, 1913
Harlan P. Shaw, 1914
Edward A. MacMaster, 1914
George W. Cutler, 1915
Georgianna M. Cook, 1915

Term Expires.

1916
1917
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1918
COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
John Mayo.

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY.

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<td>H. Agnes Leonard</td>
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

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<td>Benjamin F. Bowles</td>
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<td>Robert A. Carroll</td>
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<td>Chester, J. McFadden</td>
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<td>Paul Revere</td>
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TREE WARDEN.

Robert J. McNeeland.
OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

TOWN PHYSICIAN.
Dr. Calvin Pratt.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.
J. Herbert Leonard.

CHIEF OF POLICE.
Harry W. Swift.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.
Robert J. McNeeland.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN.
Francis C. Worthen.

FIELD DRIVERS.

NIGHT PATROL.
E. Frank LeBaron.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.
FENCE VIEWERS.
Henry A. Barker, Frederic K. Bonney, Marcus A. Pierce.

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.
Ernest Leach, Roland M. Keith, Frederic K. Bonney.

INSPECTOR OF OIL AND VINEGAR.
Albert H. Hooper.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
J. Anderson Otis.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Frederick Waite.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.
REPORT.

Condensed Report of Town Meeting of the Town of Bridgewater, March 1, 1915.

Edward A. MacMaster, Moderator.

Voted—To accept reports of the Town Officers, as printed in the Town Report.

Voted, —To accept report of the Sewage Committee as a report of progress, and that the same committee be continued in power to further consider the matter.

Voted, —To accept the report of J. R. Callahan for committee chosen for purchase of automobile chemical fire truck, and that the recommendations made be adopted.

Voted, —That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of an automobile chemical truck, and this committee be authorized to make the purchase.

Voted, —To accept the report of committee appointed to confer with the Bridgewater Water Company with regard to a new contract, and that this committee be authorized to sign a new contract with the Bridgewater Water Company as recommended by it.

Voted, —To accept the report of Superintendent of Streets respecting the Guide Boards in town, as printed in the Town Report.
Voted.—That the Town appropriate one hundred and eighty-five dollars for Memorial Day.

Voted,—That the Collector use all means for collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed a Collector; that interest be charged from September 15th on all unpaid taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum to be computed monthly on the 15th of every month thereafter until paid. It shall be the duty of the Collector to issue summons to each delinquent in cases where taxes are not paid on or before the twentieth day of October next after they become due, and proceed to collect the same according to law. Provided, however, that the poll taxes which are committed to the Collector of Taxes for collection, under the provisions of Chapter 679, of the Acts of 1913, being an Act Relative to the Collection of Poll Taxes, shall be due and payable thirty days after the same are committed to the Collector. It shall be the duty of the Collector to issue summons to each delinquent, in cases where such poll taxes are not paid when due, and to proceed to collect the same, with interest thereon from the date of the summons, according to law.

Voted,—That the Town raise and appropriate $100, for the extension of about one hundred feet of Dean Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted,—That the Town accept the highway known as Goodwin Street and raise and appropriate $550 for same.

Voted,—That the Town reduce the number of Constables hereafter to be elected from four to one.

Voted,—That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a Police force of three men, one for day and two for night service, one of the same to be a Chief of Police.

Voted,—That a hydrant be put near or within 500 ft. of the residence of J. Herbert Leonard on Main Street.

Voted,—That the Street Lighting Committee, consisting
of Charles R. Fitch, Ernest L. Cook, and Ernest Leach, be authorized to make a contract for better street lighting in and about Central Square, and that they shall continue in office during the term of the contract which they shall make. This committee is authorized to hire counsel at the expense of the town, if thought necessary, to protect the interest of the town.

Voted,—That the Town authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to purchase 1,000 feet of hose, the money for the same to be taken from regular appropriation for the Fire Department.

Voted,—That the Town authorize the Selectmen to provide such rooms in the lower Town Hall for the Town Officers as are necessary, and to appropriate $1,400 for this purpose.

Voted,—That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to look into the matter of a town forest and to see what can be done for land. This committee to consist of one member of the Board of Selectmen, one of the Bridgewater Grange, and one of the Improvement Society, with two other members, and are to report at a future Town Meeting.

Committee chosen for this purpose: Francis C. Worthen representing the Grange, Ernest Leach the Selectmen, Robert McLean the Improvement Society, with Thomas Hourahan and Charles P. Sinnott.

Voted,—That the care of the Town Dump be removed from the Highway Department and placed with the Board of Health and that $50 be appropriated for the same.

Voted,—To choose a committee of five to draw up a code of building laws for the Town of Bridgewater.

The Town made choice for this committee Allston M. Sinnott, Frederic K. Bonney, Wendell P. Hutchinson, Bartholomew Flynn, Eben Perkins.
Voted,—That the Town Clerk shall hereafter receive a salary of $400 a year.

Voted,—That the Town of Bridgewater abolish the Citizens' Caucus.

Voted,—That the Town build a Fire Escape at the Blackstone School and appropriate $100 to defray cost of same.

Voted,—That the Town purchase an Oil Wagon for the Highway Department and appropriate $600 for the same.

Dr. George W. Cutler reported for committee chosen to revise Town By-Laws, after which it was

Voted,—That this committee be authorized to make report in the local papers and to report further at a future meeting.

On motion of Edgar E. Cushman,

Voted,—That the Selectmen be empowered to order the Brockton Gas Light Company to dig up and re-lay in a proper and sufficient manner each and every gas pipe in the Town of Bridgewater, under competent supervision.

Voted,—That the Town be authorized to build new sanitarie s at the Blackstone School to replace the unsanitary closets now in use, and appropriate $400 for cost of same.

Voted,—To take up Article 13.

Voted,—That the committee be authorized to make a contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company or with the Brockton Gas Light Company for the lighting of the Town, the term of said contract to be determined by the committee.

Voted,—That the Town raise and appropriate for the

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Voted,—That the Town raise and assess into a tax upon the polls and estates according to law the sum of Seventy-five Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-nine and 18/10 dollars, $75,529.84.

Voted,—That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year or by a renewal note or notes payable from the said revenues.
Condensed Report of Adjourned Town Meeting,
March 6, 1915.

Edward A. MacMaster, Moderator.

Balloting for Town Officers resulted as follows:
Whole number of votes cast 736. Male vote 709, female 27.

TOWN CLERK.
Edward A. Hewett had 624 votes and was declared elected.

TOWN TREASURER.
Charles A. Wilbar had 578 votes and was declared elected.

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS.
James R. Callahan had 265 votes, Frederic K. Bonney had 428 votes and was declared elected.

ASSessor FOR Three Years.
James R. Callahan had 265 votes, Frederic K. Bonney had 421 votes and was declared elected.

OVERSEER OF Poor FOR THREE YEARS.
James R. Callahan had 260 votes, Frederic K. Bonney had 421 votes and was declared elected.

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY FOR Three Years.
Elsie Laughnney Carr had 454 votes, H. Agnes Leonard had 457 votes, William D. Jackson had 491 votes and were each declared elected.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.
Edgar E. Cushman had 337 votes, George W. Cutler had 355 votes, Georgianna M. Cook had 467 votes. The two last named were declared elected.

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS.
Charles R. Smith had 529 votes and was declared elected.

AUDITOR FOR THREE YEARS.
Edward F. McHugh had 489 votes and was declared elected.

AUDITOR FOR TWO YEARS.
Richard Pickett had 493 votes and was declared elected.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
John Mayo had 562 votes and was declared elected.

TREE WARDEN.
Robert J. McNeeland had 518 votes and was declared elected.

CONSTABLES.
Benjamin F. Bowles had 398 votes, Robert A. Carroll had 435 votes, Chester J. McFadden had 302 votes, Paul Revere had 170 votes, and were each declared elected.

Shall Licenses be granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?
Yes, 270; No, 380.
TOWN MEETING, JUNE 4, 1915.

Edward A. MacMaster was chosen Moderator.

Voted,—That we now proceed to ballot on Art 2 in the Warrant, which is: "Shall Sections one to fourteen, inclusive, of Chapter 28 of the Revised Laws, authorizing cities and towns to lay out public parks within their limits, be accepted?"

Whole number of ballots, 50. Yes, 39; No, 10.

Voted,—That the Committee on By-Laws be given more time and be instructed to report in print in the Annual Town Report at the next annual meeting of the town.

Voted,—That the vote of the Town passed at the time this Committee was appointed instructing them to have their report printed in the local papers, be rescinded.

Mr. Charles R. Fitch made report for the Water Committee.

Voted,—That the Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1914, and continued in service by the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1915, consisting of Messrs. William S. Prophett, Charles R. Fitch, Ernest L. Cook, Walter S. Little and Bartholomew Flynn, to confer with the Bridgewater Water Company, are hereby authorized to sign, seal, execute, and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town of Bridgewater the contract with the Bridgewater Water Company for the term of thirty years from and after December 31, 1915.

Number of ballots cast, 34. All in the affirmative.

Voted,—That a vote of thanks to this Committee be passed for their services.
STATE PRIMARY, SEPT. 21, 1915.

Whole number of ballots cast, 228. By Republican party, 198; by Democratic party, 14; by Progressive party, 12.

GOVERNOR.

Grafton D. Cushing of Boston, r., 84
Eugene N. Foss of Boston, r., 12
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, r., 90
Nelson B. Clark of Beverly, prog., 10
Frederick S. Deitrick of Cambridge, d., 1
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, d., 13

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, r., 122
Guy Andrew Ham of Milton, r., 47
Edward T. Barry of Boston, d., 14

SECRETARY.

Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, r., 156
Edwin S. Grosvenor of Amherst, d., 12

TREASURER.

Charles L. Burrill of Boston, r., 153
Henry L. Bowles of Springfield, d., 12

AUDITOR.

Edward C. R. Bagley of Boston, r., 47
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, r., 73
Samuel W. George of Haverhill, r., 34
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline, d., 12
ATTORNEY-GENERAL.
Henry C. Attwell of Lynn, r., 140
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford, d., 9
Harold Williams, Jr., of Brookline, d., 1

COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.
David L. Parker of New Bedford, 145
John E. Flynn, 1

SENATOR—SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
Ezra W. Clark of Brockton, r., 91
George E. Doane of Middleboro, r., 72
Michael Moran of Brockton, d., 9

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT,
EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
Allston M. Sinnott of Bridgewater, r., 154
Cleaveland A. Chandler, r., 1
Edward A. MacMaster, d., 1
Cleaveland A. Chandler, d., 1
Cleaveland A. Chandler of East Bridgewater, prog., 8

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PLYMOUTH COUNTY.
Frederic T. Bailey of Scituate, r., 27
William Bassett of Bridgewater, r., 134
Daniel E. Damon of Plymouth, r., 8
Maurice Kane of Whitman, r., 20
Daniel E. Damon of Plymouth, prog., 9
Harold F. Studley of Hanover, d., 10

COUNTY TREASURER, PLYMOUTH COUNTY.
Horace T. Fogg of Norwell, r., 148
Cornelius O’Leary, 1
SHERIFF, PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Henry S. Porter of Plymouth, r., 153
Benjamin F. Bowles, d., 1

STATE COMMITTEE, SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Horace A. Keith of Brockton, r. 147
John J. Barry, d., 1

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

Republican.—Joseph W. Keith, Fred W. Capel, H. Loring Jenkins, Robert W. McLean.

Democratic.—Cornelius O’Leary, John E. Flynn.

Progressive.—Charles P. Sinnott.

TOWN COMMITTEE—elected.


TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 19, 1915.

Edward A. MacMaster, Moderator.

Dr. Albert F. Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Health, made a verbal report for the Sewerage Committee.

Voted,—That the report be accepted as a report of progress.

On motion of Dr. Albert F. Hunt,
Voted,—That the Town of Bridgewater raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for the purpose of constructing the system of sewers as proposed by the Sewerage Committee. 71 in affirmative, 9 in negative.

Voted,—That a poll of the legal voters in the hall be taken by the Selectmen, who reported that there were 114 present.

A poll having been taken and it was found that 114 legal voters were present the Moderator thereupon ruled that at the time when the vote was taken on the motion of Dr. Albert F. Hunt for the construction of a system of sewers, there were present in the hall 114 legal voters.

On motion of Wm. D. Jackson,
Voted,—That it be inserted in the records that it was ruled by the Moderator that there was at the time this vote was taken, 114 legal voters in the hall.

On motion of Roland M. Keith,
Voted,—That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow not in excess of $10,000, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable in or within three years. Number of votes 59, all in the affirmative.

On motion of Dr. C. J. Mercer,
Voted,—That it is the sense of this meeting that we
protest against the Edison Electric Illuminating Company moving their office to a remote part of the town, and that the Lighting Committee be urged to ask them to retain a central office.

On motion of Joseph W. Keith,
Voted,—That the construction of the proposed sewage system be left in the hands of the Sewerage Committee, consisting of the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen, with full power to act. The work to be done according to plans which have been prepared and submitted.

On motion of John E. Flynn,
Voted,—That one-half of the cost be assessed on the abuttors.

On motion of James R. Callahan,
Voted,—That the Sewerage Committee be authorized to advertise in the newspapers for bids to do this work.

TOWN MEETING, NOV. 2, 1915.

Whole number of ballots, 844.

GOVERNOR.

Nelson B. Clark of Beverly, prog., 29
Walter C. Hutchins of Greenfield, soc., 9
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, r., 480
Peter O'Rourke of Medford, s. l., 0
William Shaw of Andover, proh., 24
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, d., 293
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Edward P. Barry of Boston, d., 266
Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, r., 495
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley, proh., 17
James Hayes of Plymouth, s. l., 5
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston, prog., 23
Samuel P. Levenberg of Boston, soc., 8

SECRETARY.

Edwin S. Grosvenor of Amherst, d., 243
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, r., 498
Thomas J. Maher of Medford, s. l., 15
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell, soc., 10
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, proh.

TREASURER.

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield, d., 247
Charles L. Burrill of Boston, r., 496
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester, soc., 12
William E. Marks of Worcester, proh., 17
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem, s. l., 1

AUDITOR.

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, r., 490
James W. Holden of New Bedford, s. l., 2
Henry C. Isam of Warwick, soc., 8
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline, d., 220
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham, proh., 19

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn, r., 502
Frank Auchter of Boston, proh., 24
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford, d., 220
John McCarthy of Abington, soc., 13
William Taylor of Worcester, s. l., 0

COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.
Abraham Bloom of Brockton, soc., 73
David L. Parker of New Bedford, r., 536
John H. Ball of Bridgewater, 1

SENATOR, SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
Ezra W. Clark of Brockton, r., 536
Joseph E. Lacouture of Brockton, soc., 18
Michael Moran of Brockton, d., 209

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT,
EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
Cleaveland A. Chandler of East Bridgewater, prog., 224
Allston M. Sinnott of Bridgewater, r., 546

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—PLYMOUTH COUNTY.
Frederic T. Bailey of Scituate, r., 486
Daniel E. Damon of Plymouth, prog., 43
Harold F. Studley of Hanover, d., 211
Elmer A. Wright of Whitman, soc., 13

COUNTY TREASURER, PLYMOUTH COUNTY.
Horace T. Fogg of Norwell, r., 557
Henry W. Patterson of Brockton, soc., 63

SHERIFF, PLYMOUTH COUNTY.
Albert E. Collier of Plymouth, soc., 55
Henry S. Porter of Plymouth, r., 562
AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified?
Yes, 389; No, 169.

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?
Yes, 225; No, 504.

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?
Yes, 422; No, 150.

VOTE IN EIGHTH PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

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Whole number of ballots in district, 1,721. Blanks, 154.
Number of registered voters in Town, 1,257.
Males, 1,083. Females, 174.

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
Report of Selectmen.

Town Officers.

Appropriation, $5,000.00

Orders Paid, $4,678.76
  Unexpended, 321.24

$5,000.00

Paid Charles A. Wilbar, Treasurer, $620.75
  Edwin Keith, Auditor, 42.20
  N. F. Wilcox, 42.20
  E. A. Hewett, recording births, marriages, deaths and Registrars meeting, 275.75
  E. A. Hewett, salary Town Clerk, 350.00
  John Mayo, Collector 1913, $479.32
  John Mayo, Collector 1914, 200.00
  John Mayo, Collector 1915, 200.00

879.32

Henry A. Keith, Registrar of Voters, 31.40
  Zeno Benson, Registrar of Voters, 14.25
  William S. Beatty, Registrar of Voters, 15.00
  Joseph W. Keith, Registrar of Voters, 15.00
  Albert F. Hunt, Board of Health, 91.90
  Charles R. Smith, Board of Health, 264.00
  Joseph Brennan, Board of Health, 58.50
  Ernest Leach, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor, 600.00
Roland M. Keith, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor, 503 06
Frederic K. Bonney, Selectman, Assessor, and Poor, 500 00
J. Herbert Leonard, Inspector of Animals, 150 00
Expenses Election Officers, March Meeting, 31 00
Expenses Election Officers, State Primary, 20 00
Expenses Election Officers, State Election, 50 00
Caucus Officers, 9 00
J. A. Bowman, Sealer of Weights and Measures, 23 42
Anderson Otis, Sealer of Weights and Measures, 92 07

$4,678 76

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $4,000 00
Received from other sources, 39 39
Overdrawn, 868 31

$4,907 70

Paid Hose Co. No. 2, $146 00
Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, 170 75
Engine Co. No. 1, 608 75
Combination Co. No. 1, 239 25
Scotland Hand Chemical Co., 7 00
Robt. J. Marshall, janitor, 137 75
A. R. Tinkham, 20 00
B. F. Ellis, wood, 6 50
McNeeland Bros., horse hire, 20 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., 23 40
L. H. Washburn, supplies, 33 26
Central Square Stable, horse hire, 307 50
Edison Electric Ill. Co., 59 30
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Bert G. Brown, 6 00
Continental Gin Co., 1 44
Eagle Oil Co., 5 50
Hooper & Co., 90
Alfred Cross, 4 00
Highway Dept., 300 00

$4,907 70

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

Appropriation, $500 00
Overdrawn, 27 86

$527 86

Paid Hobbs & Warrren, $ 1 91
A. H. Willis, 402 90
Bridgewater Independent, 73 35
A. W. Brownell, 17 70
Davol Printing House, 2 50
Dorr's Print Shop, 9 50
Post Office Department, 20 00

$527 86

CONTINGENT DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation for incidentals, $2,000 00
Received from use of Town Hall, 690 85
Received from Commonwealth, tax on State property, 812 65
Received from other sources, 11 96

$3,515 46
Paid bills for Incidentals, $1,195 44  
Bills for Forest Fires, 493 80  
Bills for Town Hall, 584 33  
Overdraw on Library, 25  
Overdraw on Highways, 234 95  
Overdraw on Board of Health, 87 58  
Overdraw on Fire Department, 868 31  
Overdraw on Printing and Advertising, 27 86  
Unexpended, 22 94  

$3,515 46  

**INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.**

Paid Wm. S. Prophett, return of deaths, $20 50  
Alfred Elliott, return of births, 75  
A. W. Carr, return of births, 14 25  
Post Office Department, 37 30  
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., 27 91  
W. & L. E. Gurley, weights and measures, 9 69  
Bridgewater Independent, rubber stamps, 1 00  
E. S. Prescott, check protector, 18 00  
Walter E. Rhoades, distributing reports, 14 00  
County of Plymouth, board for Francis  
McFadden, 52 15  
Little, Brown & Co., 1 50  
Bowman's Express, 12 80  
Geo. J. Alcott, meals for election officers, 31 25  
E. W. Prescott, assisting assessors, 50 00  
Bureau of Statistics, 8 00  
Library Bureau, 40 40  
L. G. Lowe & Son, Collector's bond, 75 00  
L. G. Lowe & Son, Treasurer's bond, 80 00  
Henry E. Goddard, return of births, 2 00  
O. B. Cole, 55 59
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Forest Fires.

Paid Gilbert O. King, $29.50
Bert G. Brown, 8.50
E. S. Rhoades, 19.50
Joseph L. Burroughs, 21.75
R. E. Purnelle, 75
W. W. Snow, 119.04
H. L. Belknap, 6.25
B. F. Ellis, 3.00
Central Square Stable, 6.50
Cornelius O’Leary, 1.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., 18.83
F. C. Worthen, pay roll and supplies, 223.93
Henry A. Gow, 3.00
M. J. Murphy, 9.75
Bowman’s Express, 22.50

$493.80

Town Hall.

Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co., $92.86
L. H. Washburn, 20
H. A. Gow, janitor, 250.25
C. F. Scotton, 3.25
Roland M. Keith, manager, 25.00
C. P. Lewis Co., 81.65
W. P. Hutchinson, 3.98
Dolge Disinfecting Co., 4.41
Bowman’s Express, 60
Eben H. Brown, 5.50
Luce & Co., 65
Wm. Rountry, 1.00
R. E. Purnelle, 11.60
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 2.33
H. B. Wentworth, 2 50
Hooper & Co., 55
S. Ward Washburn, 5 70
Brockton Gas Light Co., 2 33
W. Frank Case, 1 00
Geo. H. Covington, 4 50
Thomas Donovan, 12 00
Bridgewater Ice & Coal Co., 64 00
Eastern Grain Co., tile, 3 12
B. F. Ellis, 50
J. H. Ball, 4 85

$584 32

Total expense under Incidental Account, $2,273.57.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Total receipts from all sources, $690 85
Paid for light, fuel and repairs, 584 33

Balance in favor of the Town, $106 52

The items of expense will be found in the report of the Contingent Department.

R. M. Keith, Committee in charge.

TOWN HALL, SPECIAL.

Remodeling Lower Hall.

Appropriation, $1,400 00
Paid C. P. Lewis Co., 3 50
Eben H. Brown, 2 00
F. J. Keith, 137 28
John H. Ball, 445 00
Henry A. Gow, 7 25
Edison Electric Ill. Co., 2 00
W. A. Snow Iron Works, 22 00
C. F. Jordan, 514 75
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 5 17
W. Frank Case, 14 50
Bowman’s Express, 50
M. A. Godwin, 2 00
P. B. Bragdon, 2 00
S. Ward Washburn, 206 53

Unexpended, $1,364 48
35 52
$1,400 00

**MOTH DEPARTMENT.**

Appropriation, $1,844 84
Received from private property charges, 485 15
Received from Beetle spraying, 187 14
Received from State Highway Commission, 21 42
Received from Mt. Prospect Cemetery, 20 43
Received from sale of old hose, 2 00

$2,560 98

Paid bills approved by F. C. Worthen, Supt., $2,560 98
# Police

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Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co., $33.34
E. Frank LeBaron, salary, $800.00
E. Frank LeBaron, court expenses, $45.14
Robert A. Carroll, police duty, $79.22
Bridgewater Inn Garage, $88.50
John Cochrane, police duty, $19.50
B. F. Bowles, police duty, $121.32
Elias Johnson, police duty, $13.50
Weyland Secret Service, $26.48
Henry A. Gow, police duty, $200.26
Bridgewater Ice & Coal Co., $13.15
Harry W. Swift, salary, $813.14
Harry W. Swift, expenses, $109.00
Central Square Stable, $12.25
Charles R. Fossett, salary, $617.13
Charles R. Fossett, court expenses, $117.49
Edwin Atkinson, $11.45
Mrs. Lake, $4.00
Wm. H. Bassett Co., $45.95
Maxim Motor Co., $6.00
S. Ward Washburn, $33.95
A. H. Willis, $4.25
Chas. A. Smith, $2.00
A. H. Wood, $10.00
Roy H. Hooper, police duty July 4th, $2.50
Henry A. Gow, police duty July 4th, $2.50
Havillah Keith, police duty July 4th, $2.50
Harry P. Sturtevant, police duty July 4th, $2.50
Everett E. Russell, police duty July 4th, 1 50
Bert G. Brown, police duty July 4th, 2 50
John E. Cole, police duty July 4th, 2 50
William Moore, police duty July 4th, 2 50
Thomas Moore, police duty July 4th, 2 50
Frank Guyer, police duty July 4th, 2 50
Chester J. McFadden, police duty July 4th, 2 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., 45 88
Roy H. Hooper, police duty, 1 50
M. U. Smart, police duty, 2 50
Wm. S. Prophett, 22 50
The Ray Co., 200 87
John A. Norling, 3 00
Frank Williams, 2 00
Bolislab Wruflemksky, 2 60
Bridgewater Independent, 2 75
Chester J. McFadden, police duty, 28 14
C. P. Lewis Co., 4 55
Havillah E. Keith, police duty, 3 00

$3,573 81
Unexpended, 503 65
$4,077 46

LIBRARY.

Appropriation, $1,800 00
Receipts from all other sources, 808 47
Overdrawn, 25

$2,608 72

Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co., $111 37
John H. Ball, 19 78
Bridgewater Ice & Coal Co., 137 55
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Chas. P. Lewis Co. 64 00
Arthur R. Wormath, 9 67

$2,608 72

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation, $500 00
Appropriation for Dump, 50 00
Received from sewer cart, 393 60
Received from other sources, 46 00
Overdrawn, 87 58

$1,077 18

Paid Dolge Disinfectant Co., $30 00
State Dept. of Health, 2 65
Frank Harlow, 5 90
George M. Garney, Inspector of Slaughterhouses, 76 00
Charles P. Lewis Co., 2 00
The Formacone Co., 5 40
Patrick Madigan, 1 00
Joseph Brennan, Inspector of Plumbing, 70 00
Hooper & Co., 2 65
Bridgewater Independent, 57 00
Dorr’s Print Shop, 12 00
A. I. Simmons Co., 6 00
Continental Gin Co., 25
A. H. Willis, 55 50
Hobbs & Warren, 8 64
J. Cochrane, work at Dump, 13 50
F. Leon Welch, work at Dump, 13 50
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 38 61
George Elwell, 3 50
Bowman’s Express, 10 41
Blackstone Canal Nat. Bank, safe and furniture, 175 20
Albert F. Hunt, 3 73
Harry L. Jordan, 2 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., 11 35
R. E. Purnelle, 75
Bridgewater Inn Garage, 3 00
Joseph W. Keith, 29 45
Highway Department, sewer cart work, 437 19

$1,077 18

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $5,000 00
Received from Street Railway Corporation Tax, 3,384 51
Street Railway Excise Tax, 2,659 46
Fire Department, use of horses, 300 00
Poor Department, manure, 25 00
Health Department, sewer cart work, 437 19
Bay State St. R. R. Co., town teams, 395 26
Tree Warden Department, teams, 105 00
Dean Street extension, teams, 15 00
Goodwin Street, teams, 97 87
East end Plymouth Street, teams, 160 00
West end Plymouth Street, teams, 490 00
Curbing tax, 112 92
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., 120 21
Fuel for crusher, 70 00
Town of East Bridgewater, use of oil wagon, 25 00
Other sources, 66 52

$13,463 94

Overdrawn, 234 95

$13,698 89

Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, Supt., $13,698 89
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation, $300 00
Paid relief to soldiers and their widows, $296 95
Unexpended, 3 05
$300 00

SCHOOLS.

Paid bills approved by School Committee, $38,985 52

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation, $3,500 00
Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co., $3,490 35
Unexpended, 9 65
$3,500 00

MACADAM ROAD EAST END OF PLYMOUTH STREET.

Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, Supt., $1,501 34
Reimbursed by State.

COMBINATION FIRE TRUCK.

Appropriation, $4,500 00
Paid O. F. Kress & Son, $4,295 50
Wm. H. Bassett Co., 194 74
Unexpended, 9 76
$4,500 00
MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation, $185 00
Paid F. H. Kirmayer, Adj. for G. A. R., $185 00

STATE AID.

Paid State Aid under Chap. 468, Acts of 1909 to be reimbursed by State, $1,794 00

FIRE ESCAPE BLACKSTONE SCHOOL.

Appropriation, $100 00
Paid Wm. J. Turnbull et al., $100 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation, $600 00
Paid for abatement of taxes, 1913, $ 70 33
For abatement of taxes, 1914, 366 10
For abatement of taxes, 1915, 49 18
Unexpended, 114 39
$600 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation, $1,800 00
Received Interest on deposit, 218 67
Received Interest on Taxes, 430 88
$2,449 55

Paid Interest on notes, $1,896 45
Unexpended, 553 10
$2,449 55
**Tree Warden.**

Appropriation, $600 00
Received from Brockton Gas Light Co., 2,775 00

\[ \text{Total: } 3,375 00 \]

Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, $1,365 06
Unexpended, 2,009 94

\[ \text{Total: } 3,375 00 \]

**Building Sewer.**

Appropriation, $10,000 00
Orders paid, 1,618 02

\[ \text{Balance: } 8,381 98 \]

Paid Brockton Enterprise, advertising, $6 06
Eastern Grain Co., pipe, 636 40
F. A. Barbour, engineer, 190 00
John E. Palmer, contractor, 715 62
Bureau of Statistics, approving notes, 6 00
Session’s Foundry Co., castings, 58 72
A. H. Willis, advertising, 4 00
N. H. N. H. & H. R.R. Co., 1 22

\[ \text{Total: } 1,618 02 \]

**Cemetery Funds.**

Benjamin Washburn Fund.

Balance on hand Jan 1, 1915, $121 41
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1915, 5 00

\[ \text{Total: } 126 41 \]
 ended for care of lot for 1914, $ 50
 ended for care of lot and reseeding, 1915, 7 57

 Balance, Jan. 1, 1916, 8 07

 Lucretia M. Oldham Fund.

 Balance, Jan. 1, 1915, $101 31
 Received interest to Oct. 1, 1915, 4 08

 $105 39

 Expended for care of lot, 1915, $ 2 00
 Balance, Jan. 1, 1916, 103 39

 $105 39

 Albion K. Washburn Fund.

 Balance, Jan. 1, 1915, $102 06
 Received interest to Oct. 1, 1915, 4 12

 $106 18

 Expended for care of lot, 1915, $2 00
 Balance, Jan. 1, 1916, 104 18

 $106 18

 Avery F. Hooper Fund.

 Balance, Jan. 1, 1915, $105 08
 Received interest to Oct. 1, 1915, 4 12

 $109 20

 Expended for care of lot, 1913-1914-1915, $6 00
 Balance, Jan. 1, 1916, 103 20

 $109 20
Catherine Killoran Fund.

Balance, Jan. 1, 1915, $101 00
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1915, 4 08
Expended for care of lot, 1915, $1 50
Balance, Jan. 1, 1916, 103 58

Vernon Street Cemetery Fund.

Balance, Jan. 1, 1916, $600 00

FREDERIC K. BONNEY,
Agent for Selectmen.

The Selectmen Present the Following Estimates.

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<th>Appropriation 1915</th>
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<td>For Support of the Poor,</td>
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ERNEST LEACH,
ROLAND M. KEITH,
FREDERIC K. BONNEY,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.
Report of Assessors.

We respectfully submit the following report of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Bridgewater for the year 1915.

Rate of tax per $1,000—$22.20.

Value of real estate, $3,381,332 00
Value of personal estate, 841,538 00

Total value of real and personal estate, $4,222,870 00
Increase value of real estate, $120,430 00
Decrease value of personal estate, $509,653 00
Value of buildings exclusive of land, $2,425,054 00
Value of land exclusive of buildings, 956,278 00

Number of polls assessed, 2,007
Total tax assessed for State, County and Town purposes including overlayings, and committed to Collector, $98,111 63
Assessed since commitment, 3,176 41

Total tax, $101,288 04

Street Railway excise tax, $2,597 43

Number of horses assessed, 364
Number of cows assessed, 428
Number of cattle other than cows assessed, 126
Number of swine assessed. .......................... 54
Number of dwelling houses assessed, ............... 1,172
Number of acres of land assessed, ................ 15,030
Number of fowl assessed, .......................... 7,779
Number of sheep assessed, .......................... 10

Exempted property under Chap. 12, Sec. 5, ....... $101,950.00
Unmarried females and minors, ...................... $7,585.00
Soldiers, soldiers' wives and widows, .............. $24,570.00

ERNEST LEACH,
ROLAND M. KEITH,
FREDERIC K. BONNEY,
Assessors of Bridgewater.

The Overseers of the Poor in submitting their annual report would state that the calls for aid by poor residing in this Town have been less than last year, owing to the steady employment furnished by our various industries during the year, but an unusual demand has been made by poor residing in other towns having settlement here. Nearly twelve hundred dollars ($1,200) more than last year has been expended in this relief, thus causing a large overdraw on this appropriation.

At the Town Home some needed repairs have been made as directed by the State Inspector. A new floor has been laid in the kitchen and the chimney repaired and the room sheathed and painted. The inmates' dining room has also been painted and a new ceiling put up. A new poultry house has been built and other repairs made. And if the Town home is to be continued other improvements are urgently needed.

We would also state that considerable work has been done with our untilled land. Over eight thousand young pines have been set and a large area of young pine thinned and trimmed. This work was done from an allotment of money by the State to give the unemployed work, and under the direction of Mr. F. C. Worthen. This was mostly expended on the forest land at the Town Farm, and will undoubtedly bring in good returns in later years.

It should be borne in mind that all of our inmates are
of the aged and feeble class, and practically unable to perform any manual labor, otherwise they would not be here, and the overseers feel it their duty to give the best possible attention to those worthy of our care.

Appropriation, $4,800 00
Cash in Supt's. hands Jan. 1, 1915, 43 50
Received for products sold from Farm, 981 87
Due from State on poor cases, 22 40
Due from other towns, 618 51
To be reimbursed by State under Mothers' aid bill, 379 97
Reimbursed, 1 50
Increase in valuation at Town Farm, 244 58
Overdrawn, 887 39

$7,979 72

TOWN HOME.

Paid for groceries, $823 33
Repairs, 304 02
Fuel, 183 13
Clothing, 48 33
Supt's. salary, 500 00
Boots and shoes, 25 63
Hay and grain, 746 81
Fertilizer and manure, 193 00
Pigs and shoats, 151 00
Blacksmith bills, 25 83
Telephone, 44 90
3,000 pine trees, 18 00
Seeds and plants, 20 00
Farm tools and supplies, 300 13
Supt. for sundries, 312 57

Paid for non-resident poor, $1,993 68
State poor, 22 40
Poor outside Town Home, 634 22
Poor settlement elsewhere, 618 51
Poor transportation, 4 00
Town Physician, 300 00
Cash in Supt's. hands Jan. 1, 1916, 49 50
Under Mothers' Aid Act, 660 93

INMATES AT TOWN HOME.

Number during year, 11
Discharged, 5
Now at the Home, 6

PERSONS AIDED OUTSIDE TOWN HOME.

Settlement Here.

Adults, 27
Children, 52

Settlement Elsewhere.

Adults, 13
Children, 21
PRODUCTS OF THE TOWN FARM.

Milk sold, $119.15.
Labor sold, $33.63.
Chickens sold, $13.04.

115 bu. Potatoes.
3 tons Winter Squash.
9 bu. Beets.
2 tons Cabbage.
10 bu. Turnips.
10 bu. Cattle Turnips.
40 Tons of Ice.
30 Pigs.
7 tons Corn Fodder.
3 bu. Cucumbers.
5 tons Hay.
10 bu. Onions.
30 bu. Summer Squash.
10 bu. Tomatoes.
10 Chickens.
3 Turkeys.
295 doz. Eggs.
75 doz. Green Corn.
500 lbs. Pork killed and salted.
2000 lbs. fat Hogs sold.

PREMIUMS AT THE FAIR.

Vegetables, $5.00.
Hogs, $13.25.
Sheep, $2.00.

ERNEST LEACH,
ROLAND M. KEITH,
FREDERIC K. BONNEY,
Overseers of Poor.
Report of Moth Department
For the Year 1915.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

All trees on and overhanging the highways were cleaned of gypsy and brown tail moths. Spraying was done where necessary.

The sprout growth was cut and burned on Birch, Broad, Centre, Crescent, Hayward, Mt. Prospect, North, Pleasant, Prospect, South, Vernon and Whitman Streets.

The woodland growth was thinned 40 feet back from the highway and brush burned on Aldrich and Mill Streets; on Plymouth Street from Mill to High Street, and on Walnut from Orange to Cherry Streets, with unfinished work on North Street.

The thinning along the highway of woodland reduces the cost of future care at least 75 per cent.

To prevent young gypsy moth larvae from being carried by wind into the thickly settled parts of the town, Great Hill and Sprague’s Hill, owing to their altitude, were cleaned of egg clusters. This was the only work deemed practical in the woodlands.

In November the U. S. government put in the badly infested woodlands six plantings of a Japanese egg parasite of the gypsy moth.

The imported calasoma beetle which is very effective in destroying both larvae and pupae has made a noticeable increase during the past year.
Appropriation, $1,844.84
Received from private property charges, 485.15
Received from elm beetle spraying, 187.14
Received from State Highway Commission, 21.42
Received from Mt. Prospect Cemetery, 20.43
Received from sale of old hose, 2.00
$2,560.98

Paid Adams Express Co., $80
Barrett Mfg. Co., creosote, 7.82
Bassett's Garage, gasoline, 17.16
Bridgewater Inn Garage, gasoline, 8.93
Central Square Stable, horse hire, 89.75
O. B. Cole, stationery, 1.00
J. H. Fairbanks, hardware, arsenate of lead, 314.18
Fitzhenry Guptel Co., pump packing, 5.00
Frank Harlow, jobbing, 40.00
R. E. Purnelle, hardware, 15.20
W. W. Snow, horse hire, 18.00
John Stephenson, horse hire, 49.50
Charles F. Scotton, danger flag, 13.00
Wright & Potter, printing, 3.72
F. C. Worthen, car fare and postage, 2.22

For labor:
  John Beekman, 25.00
  John Bevis, 50.21
  Edward Bromely, 56.68
  Fred Brown, 29.82
  Walter Brown, 28.00
  Elwin Canfield, 2.25
  Lawrence Costa, 36.01
Orien Desnoyer, 74 05
Patrick Donovan, 22 08
John Flynn, 17 30
David Frawley, 6 75
Wallace Harden, 10 69
James Higgins, 103 25
Joseph Howes, 14 07
Wm. Kerr, 143 98
John Kilbridge, 305 05
Patrick Madigan, 5 77
George Mullen, 17 30
John O'Donnell, 78 20
Michael Pendergrast, 13 50
Rodney Rollins, 10 13
W. Simpson, 127 80
W. W. Snow, 25 46
John Stephenson, 39 66
Leon Welch, 70 88
W. I. Whitmore, 9 56
Win. Wilbur, 27 85
Chester Wood, 8 86
John Woodbury, 16 73
F. C. Worthen, 700 39

$2,560 98

F. C. WORTHEN,
Superintendent.
Report of Superintendent of Streets.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1915.

The accounts of money drawn for permanent work, general repairs and care of snow and the amount spent on each street are here given.

CREDITS.

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<td>Selectmen for use of horses by Fire Dept.</td>
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<td>Standard Oil Co., on bbls.</td>
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<td>Zeb Cushman, rent for cart</td>
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<td>Town teams, from Tree Dept.</td>
<td>105 00</td>
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<td>Goodwin street, work by town teams</td>
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<td>McNeeland Bros., work by town teams</td>
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<td>McNeeland Bros., work by steam roller, 1 day</td>
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<td>E. A. Hewett, carting manure</td>
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<td>Bay State Street Railway Co., work on Pleasant and Main Streets</td>
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<td>Bridgewater Cemetery Corporation, work by steam roller, ½ day</td>
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<td>William H. Bassett Co., work by steam roller</td>
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<td>Town of East Bridgewater, rent for oil wagon</td>
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<td>Work on sewer cart by town teams</td>
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<td>Bills receivable from Bay State Street Railway Co.</td>
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<td>New sidewalks and curbing</td>
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**EXPENDED.**

Cleaning streets and sidewalks of snow and sanding walks in 1915, $258 05
Union Street.
Graveling near Pleasant Street.
Labor, 46 49
Corner of Main and High Streets.
Putting in dry well at drinking trough.
Labor, 6 00
Repairing washouts.
  Labor, 25 87
Perkins Street.
  Putting in stone foundation and graveling.
  Labor, 34 86
Pleasant Street.
  New railing near town line.
  Labor, $12 00
  Material, 13 50.
  --------- 25 50
Cross Street.
  New railing.
  Labor, $8 00
  Material, 1 92
  --------- $9 92
Broad Street.
  Repairing railing.
  Labor, $4 37
  Material, 1 68
  --------- 6 05
Pleasant Street.
  New railing near corner of North Street,
  Labor, $23 25
  Material, 15 30
  --------- 38 55
Clarence Avenue.
  Graveling,
  Labor, 9 75
Street Cleaning,
  Labor, picking stone, cleaning streets and
  gutters, 650 89
Cook Street.
  Filling ruts with crushed stone,
  Labor, 19 69
Titicut Street.
  Labor, $82.50
  Material 201.60
          284.10

Centre Street.
  Graveling near C. B. Howard's,
    Labor, 45.75

Oak Street,
  Paving gutters,
    Labor, 14.25

Tools.
  Tools bought, 109.65

Bridgewater Water Co.
  Water for drinking troughs on Summer, $54.00
     Pleasant and Plymouth Streets,
  Water for crusher, 5.00
                        59.00

Inspection of boilers on steam roller and
  crusher, 10.00

Oiling streets.
  Material, $1,254.83
  Labor, 238.37
        1,493.20

Clean up day,
  Labor, 9.00

Pleasant Street.
  Widening street near corner of Vernon
    Street,
    Labor, $598.06
    Material, 10.80
            608.86

Coal for stone crusher and roller, 167.34
Prospect Street.
  Putting in stone foundation and graveling section of street and building side walk,
  Labor and Material, 168.50

Mowing bushes,
  Labor, 16.50

Patching streets,
  Labor, 31.50

Vernon Street.
  Graveling,
  Labor, 3.25

Catch Basins.
  Cleaning out catch basins,
  Labor, 41.25

Bridges and Culverts.
  Repairing culvert,
  Labor, 7.50

Summer Street.
  Repairing railing on bridge,
  Labor, 3.75

Plymouth Street.
  Extending drain near railroad track,
    Labor, $26.25
    Material, 84.74
    Total, 110.99

Oak Street.
  Cleaning out and rebuilding culvert,
  Labor, 11.25

South Street.
  Building culvert,
  Labor and Material, 15.00
Plymouth Street.
Repairing culvert corner of Plymouth and Summer streets,
Labor, $38.15
Material, 28.26

Paper Mill Bridge.
Planking Bridge,
Labor, $9.00
Material, 49.19

Broad Street.
Digging up and repairing drain,
Labor, 9.00

South Street.
Cleaning out arches at bridge.
Labor, 3.25

Warning Signs for Paper Mill Bridge,
1.50

Main Street.
Repairing culvert near car barn,
Labor, 3.25

Spring Hill Ave.
Building drain and catch basins,
Labor, $85.50
Material, 114.21

Guide Boards.
Labor repairing and painting, $15.00
Material, 1.74

Clarence Avenue.
Graveling labor, 9.75

Old Cemetery.
Mowing and cleaning up, 15.18
Repairs for Stone Crusher and Steam Roller, 247 86

Sidewalks.

Summer Street.
Graveling, labor, $5 62
Coating with crushed stone, 17 25 22 87

Spring Street.
Graveling, labor, 20 25

Pleasant Street.
Graveling, labor, 6 65

Oak Street.
Graveling, labor, 2 25

Park Avenue.
Graveling, labor, 7 50

Covington Street.
Graveling, labor, 17 25

High Street.
Building sidewalk near Wyman's.
Labor, 15 33

Shaw Road.
Graveling, labor, 12 00

Maple Avenue.
Coating with crushed stone, labor, 24 00

Spring Hill Avenue.
Graveling, labor, 12 00

Concrete Sidewalks, recoating walk on South, Bedford, School and Broad Streets.
Labor, $110 00
Material, 85 00 195 00
Cement sidewalks and curbing corner of School and Bedford Streets.
Labor, $39.25
Material, 24.50
Cement sidewalks and curbing on Summer Street.
Labor, $116.50
Material, 75.55
Park Avenue.
Graveling, labor, 48.15
Carting stone to Crusher, 139.25
Commons.
Mowing Commons, flowers and clean-up Central Square.
Labor, 193.89
South Street.
Grading and macadamizing section of South Street.
Labor, $1,283.88
Material, 347.08
Broad Street.
Grading and building section of street with Tarvia.
Labor, $659.12
Material, 405.14
Main Street.
Rebuilding section of Main Street with asphalt.
Labor, $231.33
Material, 458.86

Pleasant Street.
   Graveling near Clarence Leach.  
   Labor,  27 00

Spring Hill Avenue.
   Graveling, labor,  6 00
   Screening gravel.
   Labor,  74 88

Support of Town teams,  3,110 37
R. J. McNeeland from Jan. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916,  1,000 00
Use of horse for season,  150 00

$13,698 89

In addition to this Mr. Blackstone has built 1715 feet in length on Titicut street, putting in a stone foundation and a Macadamized surface. This was a very bad street, almost impossible to travel over in the spring, but this puts it in good condition and is a great improvement in that section of the town. Mr. Blackstone has also rebuilt 1300 feet in length on Conant Street which is also a great improvement.

All this work has been a small expense to the town, and I think the town is very much indebted to Mr. Blackstone for the good work he has done on these streets.

**ACCOUNT OF MONEY DRAWN BY STREET DEPARTMENT AND BILLS PAID BY SAME.**

Paid Charles Sample, teamster,  $780 00
   Richard O'Donnell, teamster,  775 00
   Wilson Macomber, teamster two days,  5 00
   George Short, labor,  367 27
   McNeeland Bros., men and teams,  756 50
   Edward O'Donnell,  413 97
   John O'Brien,  504 51
Stewart Cochrane, 287 97
James McLaughlin, 320 11
Luther S. Thomas, 380 79
Wilson Macomber, 257 46
James Sheehan, 208 10
Stanley Works, 55 47
Walworth M’fg, Co., 8 33
Martin Pratt, man and team, 6 50
Henry Perkins Co., 29 46
Harry Jordan, 12 75
Continental Gin Co., 1 74
B. F. Ellis, 12 00
William Doble. 81 85
W. P. Hutchinson, 30 94
Edwin Atkinson, men and team, 279 50
Frank Harlow, 50 81
Eastern Grain Co., 957 85
 Clarence Bassett, man and team, 27 90
Zeb Cushman, man and team, $94 65
   Pair of horses, 300 00
   _______ 394 65
Willard W. Snow, man and team, 12 43
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 61 26
Bowman’s Express Co., 3 80
E. L. Cook, men and team, 19 69
Eugene Sanville, man and team, 12 20
N. Y., N. H & H. R. R. Co., 154 70
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., 16 65
O. B. Cole, 25
Adams Express Co., 3 08
Joseph A. Bowman, 112 00
Harold L. Bond, 24 95
Bridgewater Ice & Coal Co., 105 51
Luke Blinn, labor, 258 16
Michael King, labor, 248 03
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George Copeland, 2 50
Edward Bryant, 2 50
Chester Copeland, 2 40
George Wilbar, 30 10
Thomas Hunt, 17 00
Myron Amber, 30
Erwin J. Hayward, 50
George Johnson, 40
John J. Glenn, 28 04
Daniel Crimmins, 67 49
H. T. Burrill & Son, 3 46
Universal Road Machinery Co., 15 95
Michael Pendergast, 62 98
James R. Callahan, 2 50
P. B. Bragdon, 10 00
Bernard Corcoran, 16 87
Joseph Myerson, 2 16
Michael Buttermore, 5 05
O. O. Keith, 17 82
George S. Harlow, 12 00
E. M. Swift, 3 25
Walter Oldham, 2 00
A. H. Willis, 1 50
Charles P. Lewis Coal Co., 16 00
John H. Jones, 58 23
T. F. Conway, 4 00
A. J. Holt, 21 75
Studebaker Corporation, 130 00
Merrimac Foundry Co., 14 04
Paul Rinaldo, 1 12
Hooper & Co., 1 92
Norman Woodbury, 5 95
E. M. Sturtevant, 3 25
J. W. Gibbs, 14 83
R. J. McNeeland from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1915,
R. J. McNeeland, use of horse for season,

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**SUMMARY.**

Expended, $13,698 89
Total amount available, 13,689 72
Overdrawn, $9 17

**RECEIVED FOR WORK PERFORMED BY TOWN TEAMS OUTSIDE STREET DEPARTMENT.**

For work with sewer cart for Board of Health, $437 19
From Selectmen for horses for Fire Department, 300 00
  Poor Department, manure, 25 00
  Dean Street, 15 00
  Goodwin Street, 97 87
  East end Plymouth Street, 160 00
  West end Plymouth Street, 490 00
  Bay State Street Railway Co., 200 00
  Tree Department, 105 00
  New England Telephone Co., 85 00
  E. A. Hewett, 50
  McNeeland Bros., 32 50

**$1,948 06**

**RUNNING EXPENSES OF TOWN TEAMS.**

Paid Charles Sample, teamster, $780 00
Richard O'Donnell, teamster, 775 00
Wilson Macomber, teamster, 5 00
Stanley Works, hay, 52 80
William Doble, blacksmith, 58 40
Frank Harlow, blacksmith, 50 51
Joseph A. Bowman, rent for stable, 112 00
Eastern Grain Co., hay, grain and straw, 709 89
O. B. Cole, medicine, 25
T. F. Conway, fixing horses teeth, 4 00
Bridgewater Ice & Coal Co., coal for stable, 3 86
A. J. Holt, repairing harnesses, 21 75
Zebulon P. Cushman, pair horses, 300 00
Wales Hayward, hay and straw, 50 78
O. O. Keith, hay, 17 82
Norman Woodbury, repairing harness, 5 95
John J. Glenn, hay, 17 53
J. W. Gibbs, repairing harness, 14 83
Studebaker Corporation, dump wagon, 130 00

$3,110 37

ACCOUNT OF WORK ON STREETS BY TOWN TEAMS.

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<td>Clearing snow from sidewalks and sanding</td>
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<td>Union Street</td>
<td>57 50</td>
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<td>Fremont Street</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>Sidewalks</td>
<td>270 00</td>
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<td>Perkins Street</td>
<td>77 55</td>
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<td>Repairing washouts</td>
<td>12 50</td>
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<td>Centre Street</td>
<td>72 50</td>
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<td>Park Avenue</td>
<td>85 00</td>
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<td>Scraping and cleaning streets</td>
<td>292 50</td>
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<td>Sprinkling streets</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corner of Summer and Spring Hill Avenue</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clean-up Day</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Widening Pleasant Street</td>
<td>102 50</td>
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Oiling streets and carting sand, 135 50
Carting coal from Station to Crusher, 5 00
South Street, 255 00
Prospect Street, 40 00
Broad Street, 155 50
Main Street, 95 00
Carting stone to Crusher, 55 00
Titicut Street, 17 50
North Street, 20 00
Pleasant Street, 50 00
Sanding tar streets, 32 50
Dean Street, 15 00
Goodwin Street, 97 87
East end Plymouth Street, 160 00
West end Plymouth Street, 490 00

$2,756 42

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Extension of Dean Street 150 ft.

Appropriation, $100 00
Expended, $98 02
Unexpended, 1 98
$100 00

Building Goodwin Street 450 ft.

Appropriation, $550 00
Expended, $499 58
Unexpended, 50 42
$550 00
Building East End of Plymouth Street.
Macadam and Oiling.

Appropriation, $1,500 00
Overdrawn, 1 34

Expended, $1,501 34

Town to be reimbursed by State for this section of road.

Building West End of Plymouth Street.
Stone Foundation and Macadam Top.

Appropriation, $3000 00
Overdrawn, 69 36

Expended, $3,069 36

On this section we built about 200 ft. more than layout.

R. J. McNEELAND,
Supt. of Streets.
Guide Boards in Bridgewater.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS RESPECTING THE GUIDE BOARDS IN BRIDGEWATER.

During the past year there has been spent for painting signs and repairs, $16.74.

Guide Boards at the following places:
One at Junction of Main and Broad streets.
South and Pleasant streets.
Centre and Pleasant streets.
Birch and Pleasant streets.
North and Pleasant streets.
Vernon and Pleasant streets.
Elm and Pleasant streets.
Lakeside and Pleasant streets.
Pine and Pleasant streets.
Spruce and Pine streets.
Raynham line and Spruce streets.
Spruce and Vernon streets.
Vernon and Beach streets.
Vernon and Green streets.
Green and South streets.
Forest and South streets.
Winter and Bedford streets.
Flagg and Bedford streets.
Flagg and Conant streets.
Conant and Titicut streets.
South and Winter streets.
South and Crescent streets.
Forest and Vernon streets.
Titicut and Summer streets.
Winter and Conant streets.
Summer and Conant streets.
Summer and Flagg streets.
Bedford and School streets.
Summer and Plymouth streets.
Main and High streets.
High and Hayward streets.
High and Mill streets.
High and Plymouth streets.
Plymouth and Pond streets.
Robert and Pond streets.
Plymouth and East streets.
Plymouth and Walnut streets.
Walnut and Cherry streets.
Auburn and Short streets.
Plain and High streets.
Plymouth and Mill streets.
Whitman and Plymouth streets.
Whitman and Hayward streets.
Plymouth and Hayward streets.
Broad and High streets.
Plymouth and Water streets.

One at north end of East street.

R. J. McNEELAND,
Superintendent of Streets.
Report of Tree Warden.

## Credits.

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<tr>
<td>Appropriation for suppressing the Elm Beetle and care of trees</td>
<td>$600.00</td>
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<td>Brockton Gas Light Co., trimming trees</td>
<td>4.93</td>
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<td>Brockton Gas Light Co., taking out 17 trees killed by gas, and planting new trees, per contract</td>
<td>775.00</td>
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<td>Damage for trees killed by gas by Brockton Gas Light Co.</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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## Expended.

For Spraying, Trimming, Care of Trees and taking out Trees killed by Gas and Planting New Trees.

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<td>F. C. Worthen and men, spraying and trimming trees</td>
<td>$418.23</td>
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<td>Taking out trees killed by gas and planting new trees</td>
<td>742.22</td>
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<td>Men and team, trimming, cleaning up and planting trees</td>
<td>176.86</td>
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<td>Littlefield &amp; Wyman, 21 maple trees</td>
<td>21.00</td>
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<td>R. E. Purnelle, snap and rope</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td><strong>$1,375.81</strong></td>
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W. P. Hutchinson, lumber, 65  
Frank Harlow, hooks and bolt, 40  
Norman Woodbury, belt for men, 2.25  
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 32  
Charles F. Scotton, 13  

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<td>Balance</td>
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**SUMMARY.**

R. J. McNEELAND,  
Tree Warden.
Report of Police Department.


To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
   Bridgewater, Mass.

I herewith submit a report of the Police Department for the ten months ending December 31, 1915.

Total number arrests, 184
Male, 172
Female, 12
Minors, 6
For out of town officers, 4

OFFENCES.
Assault, battery, 21
Armed when arrested, 1
Auto laws, violation of, 5
Bastardy, 3
Bicycle on sidewalk, 1
Breaking and entering, 4
Carrying concealed weapons, 2
Capias, 7
Disturbing peace, 2
Drunk, 91
Discharging firearms on Lord’s Day, 2
False certificate for alcohol, 3  
False certificate for marriage, 1  
Gaming, 5  
Junk Dealer without license, 1  
Liquor cases, 24  
Larceny, 11  
Non-support, 2  
Peddling without license, 1  
Stubborn child, 1  
Tramp, 1  
Unlicensed dog, 2

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Fines imposed, $2,011.00
Fines paid, $1,456.00
House Correction, 5
State Farm, 1
Shirley Industrial School, 1
Lyman School, 2
Cases filed, 20
Cases appealed, 6
Released, 4
Continued, 1
Dismissed, 8
Discharged, 4
Probation, 6
Liquor raids, 24
Raids for stolen goods, 4
Stolen property reported, $348.50
Stolen property recovered, $116.00

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY W. SWIFT,  
Chief of Police.
Report of Town Physician.


To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Town Physician from January 1, 1915, to date, I have attended the following cases:

- Alcoholism 2.
- Rheumatism.
- Rheumatism, chronic (referred to State Board).
- Synovitis.
- Vericose veins.
- Diarrhoea 2.
- Dyspepsia.
- Nostalgia.
- Constipation.
- Intestinal Indigestion 2.
- Tonsilitis.
- Lumbago.
- Cystitis.
- Walking typhoid fever.
- Intercapsular fracture of thigh bone.
- Neuralgia.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN PRATT,
Town Physician.


To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1915.

I commenced the work of annual animal inspection at the appointed time in the early part of the year, but by orders from the Department, because of the prevalence of foot and mouth disease in the Commonwealth, that particular inspection was not completed.

I have, however, continued on the lookout throughout the year, visiting several herds and giving attention to all cases that have come to my notice.

I have quarantined 5 cows for tuberculosis all of which were killed and the diagnosis was right. I quarantined 2 cows that showed signs of foot and mouth disease; they were released by the State Agent.

I killed one horse having glanders. I put in quarantine one horse that had some symptoms of farcy, but he was released by the Agent and soon after killed by the owner.

My attention has been called to the unsanitary condition of several places where milk is produced which is having some attention by those in authority.

I notice that this year, as well as last, a good number of high grade stock is being raised and I strongly recommend its continuance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HERBERT LEONARD,
Inspector of Animals.
## Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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J. ANDERSON OTIS,  
Sealer.

Bridgewater, Mass.
Dogs, 1915.

Whole number dogs returned by the Assessors:
Males, 278; Females, 54; total. 332
Number of dogs licensed from Dec. 1, 1914 to Dec. 1, 1915:
Males, 325; Females, 58; total, 383
325 Males @ $2.00, $650 00
58 Females @ $5.00, 290 00
Less Clerk's fees, $940 00
$76 60
$863 40
June 1, paid County Treasurer, $450 60
Dec. 1, paid County Treasurer, 412 80
$863 40

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
Hunters' Licenses, 1915.

Number of Resident Hunters' Licenses issued for the year ending December 31, 1915, two hundred twenty-six. (226)

226 Licenses @ $1.00, $226.00
Less Clerk's fees @ 15 cents, 33.90
Paid Fish and Game Commissioners, $192.10

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
### Tax Collector's Report.

#### 1913.

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<tr>
<td>To amount interest collected</td>
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To amount uncollected, $1,412 32  
To amount error in commitment, 34 76  
To amount interest collected, 148 18  

By amount paid Treasurer, $1,524 93  
By amount abated, 70 33

By amount paid Treasurer, $1,595 26

#### 1914.

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To amount uncollected, $9,279 14  
To amount interest collected, 229 75

By amount paid Treasurer, $6,124 06  
By amount abated, 366 10  
By amount uncollected, 3,018 73

By amount paid Treasurer, $180 29

By amount uncollected, 61 00

By amount uncollected, $180 29
1915.

To amount committed, $98,111 63
To amount added, 3,176 41
To amount interest collected, 46 58

$101,334 62

By amount paid Treasurer, $87,259 25
By amount abated, 49 18
By amount uncollected, 14,026 19

$101,334 62

JOHN MAYO,
Collector of Taxes for Town of Bridgewater.
The present Trustees are John E. Flynn, George M. Garney and Mrs. Flora T. Little, whose terms expire in 1916; Brenelle Hunt, Edward E. Keith and Gustavus Pratt, whose terms expire in 1917; Mrs. Elsie Laughney Carr, William D. Jackson and Mrs. H. Agnes Leonard, whose terms expire in 1918.

The statement of what has been done during the year, which the Librarian has submitted to us, summarizes the work of the Library so well that we give it below:

The work of the Library during the year has been increasing in every department. More books have been given out at the desk, and more for school work; with several new books for reference work, we have been able to give more help in this line. The music books given by Mr. W. L. Kiernan are the first in a department to which we shall hope to add as we can. The Library has borrowed from the State Free Library Commission, and from the Boston, Brockton, and Taunton Libraries, for which never failing help we are very grateful. Among the books borrowed were some needed in preparing for the Pageant. Mrs. Root of the Providence Library, after giving a talk at the Normal School on the use of catalogues, came to the Library with the class and ten children from the fifth grade, to let them see the card catalogue and to teach them how to use it. We need very much a card catalogue in the children’s room so that they may begin to use it there.

Some changes have been made in the periodicals. “The Delineator,” “The International Studio,” “Life,” and
“John Martin’s Book” (for the children), have been added; a subscription for “The Nurse” magazine has been given us; some periodicals which did not seem to be generally used have been dropped. In the Reference Room the following have been added: “Webster’s International Dictionary, 1915,” “A Victorian Anthology,” “An American Anthology,” edited by Edmund Clarence Stedman, “The Home Book of Verse,” 2 vols., edited by Burton E. Stevenson, “The World’s Story,” 14 vols., edited by Eva Marsh Tappan, “The American Year Book,” published by D. Appleton & Co., “Parents and their Problems,” “Child Welfare in Home, School, Church, and State,” 8 vols., edited by Mary Harmon Weeks; also many other useful books, to be found in the printed supplement. A set of portraits of the Presidents of the United States has been purchased.

The Children’s room, as will be seen by the report, is gaining in usefulness; it is now, with the Christmas decorations, very attractive. The increased work of the year has been accomplished by the Librarian and her assistants, Miss Crocker and Miss Ames, who have worked together harmoniously, with the cooperation of the Trustees. We have been fortunate in having as a substitute, when needed, Miss Mae Perkins who has done excellent work.

Books in the Library, 18,271
Days open, 258
Books issued, of which 10,994 in the Children’s Room, 39,006
Per cent. of fiction, 66
Cards issued, 540
Readers, of whom 7,022 in the children’s Room, 13,074

The Trustees would call attention to the fact that while a comparison of the above statistics with those of last year shows that the increase in the use of the Library as a whole has more than kept pace with the growth of the town, it also shows that the use of the Children’s Room has increased to an extent which would not have been thought possible.
There is a gain of nearly thirty per cent. in the number of books issued, and of more than fifty per cent. in the number of readers.

We acknowledge with thanks gifts from Miss Edith M. Ames, The Armenian Club, The Carnegie Endowment, Mr. H. A. Clark, the trustees under the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, A Friend, Mr. Lloyd W. Josselyn, Jacksonville, Fla., Miss Cassie E. Keith, Miss Hasadia H. Keith, Mr. William L. Kiernan, Mr. Frederic W. Kittridge, Mr. Richard Lewis, The New York Stock Exchange, Mr. O. W. Norton, Chicago, Ill., Mr. Merritt G. Perkins, Newark, N. J., The Reading Club, Dr. Christian Washburn, and Miss Clara S. Washburn.

We believe that the time has come when a new heating system should be installed in the Library building. The tendency to replace hot air heating by steam heating, except where more elaborate and expensive systems can be afforded, is very strong. The change has been made at the Town hall last year, with very satisfactory results, we understand. We are assured that the Library building can be heated by steam more efficiently and economically than by the present system. We ask for a special appropriation of five hundred dollars for the installation of a steam heating system.

We ask for an appropriation of $1,800 for the ordinary expenses of the Library during the ensuing year, the same amount as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JACKSON, President,
EDWARD E. KEITH, Vice-President,
FLORA T. LITTLE, Secretary,
GUSTAVUS PRATT, Treasurer,
ELSIE LAUGHNEY CARR,
JOHN E. FLYNN,
GEORGE M. GARNEY,
BRENELLE HUNT,
H. AGNES LEONARD,
Trustees of Public Library.
Report of Treasurer of Town Library for 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Cash from fines, $101.00
Cash from books lost, 2.24

$103.24

Paid Town Treasurer,

$103.24

Sundry bills approved and sent Selectmen for payment,$2,608.72

GUSTAVUS PRATT,
Treasurer.

Approved:

JOHN E. FLYNN,
EDWARD E. KEITH,
GEO. M. GARNEY,
Auditing Committee.
Report of Fire Department.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bridgewater, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Fire Engineers of the Bridgewater Fire Department submit their annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1915.

The condition of the apparatus and other property owned by the town and under the supervision of the Fire Engineers, the additions made during the year, and the recommendations for the coming year are as follows:

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

The Fire Department consists of a Chief Engineer, two Assistant Engineers, and the following companies: Combination Company No. 1, 10 men; Bridgewater Steam Fire Company No. 1, 15 men; Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, 10 men; Scotland Hand Chemical Company No. 1, 10 men.

**BUILDINGS.**

The headquarters of the Department is a two-story brick building, with a one-story addition and hose tower, situated on School street.
Scotland Hand Chemical Co. No. 1 is quartered in a one-story wooden building on Prospect street in Scotland, while all other companies run from headquarters on School street.

**APPARATUS.**

The apparatus consists of one auto combination chemical and hose wagon, one Silsby fire engine (5th size), one hook and ladder truck, one hose wagon, one hose sled, one chemical wagon, one hand hose reel, 3,000 feet 2½ inch fire hose in good condition and 1,000 feet in fair condition, together with such other small appliances as are required by statute law.

**HYDRANTS.**

There are 78 hydrants in good condition.

**CISTERNS.**

There are two cisterns in the center of the town available for service. Both cisterns are now full of water.

**FIRE ALARM.**

The electric fire alarm system consists of 25 signal boxes, (one private), 1 school signal box, 13 miles of wire, 1 bell and bell striker, on hose tower, one 8-inch steam chime gong and whistle blowing machine on the W. H. McElwain Co. factory, and one 5-circuit switch-board and electric storage battery at headquarters. The system is in good condition.

**FIRES.**

There have been 30 box alarms during the year, and 18 still alarms have been cared for without calling out the companies.
REMARKS.

The Board of Fire Engineers had hopes last year that something would be done to improve the fire service in this town. As nothing has been done we again call the attention of the citizens to the risk they are running in not providing a suitable water service for the extinguishment of fires in this town.

We are pleased to state that we have had excellent success with the auto combination chemical and hose wagon put in commission July 1. From July 1 to January 1 this piece of apparatus has responded to 19 alarms and covered about 100 miles. This machine has fulfilled every expectation and we feel that it has paid for itself in the amount of property saved by getting to the fires promptly.

From our experience in the short time which we have had our motor truck, we believe that 75% of fires can and will be taken care of by this apparatus without calling out the rest of the department.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend the town to purchase 1000 feet of hose.

We thank you and the citizens for the support given us in the past year.

FREDERIC WAITE,
CHARLES E. MARSHALL,
JOHN MAYO,

Board of Engineers.
Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year 1915:

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Chicken Pox, 31
Diphtheria, 4
German Measles, 4
Malaria, 1
Measles, 7
Mumps, 13
Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 2
Scarlet Fever, 5
Tuberculosis, 24
Typhoid Fever, 16
Whooping Cough, 15

Fifteen of the cases of tuberculosis and 6 of the cases of typhoid fever were reported from the State Farm.

During the fall there was an outbreak of ten cases of typhoid fever. The source of contagion was established, and the method of spreading determined. Proper precautionary measures were immediately taken; typhoid prophylactic serum was administered to upwards of 30 persons, who were in a position to be exposed to the disease. No more cases developed and there were no deaths.

The attention of parents is called once more to the list of reportable diseases:
Actinomycosis
Anterior poliomyelitis
Anthrax
Asiatic Cholera
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis
Chicken-pox
Diphtheria
Dog-bite (requiring anti-rabic treatment)
Dysentery:
   a. Amebic
   b. Bacillary
German Measles
Glanders
Hookworm Disease
Infectious diseases of the Eye:
   a. Ophthalmia Neonatorum
   b. Suppurative conjunctivitis
   c. Trachoma

Leprosy
Malaria
Measles
Mumps
Pellagra
Plague
Rabies
Scarlet Fever
Septic sore throat
Small pox
Tetanus
Trichinosis
Tuberculosis (all forms)
Typhoid Fever
Typhus Fever
Whooping Cough
Yellow Fever

Parents are required by law to report cases of contagious disease when no physician is in attendance. The cooperation of parents in this matter is earnestly requested.

Nuisances.

The Board received 57 complaints of nuisances during the year. Every complaint was investigated and properly dealt with.

Sewerage.


In our last annual report we gave a very complete and extended review of the work of the Sewerage Committee up to that time. This report was accepted as progressive and
the same committee continued to carry on the work already begun and make as much progress as possible towards the completion of a system satisfactory to all parties.

The early part of the year no material progress was made, but in April we received a communication from the Engineering Department of the State Department of Health which gave us some food for thought. While they did not give us the encouragement that we had every reason to expect, they did maintain that a system of sewerage was an absolute necessity and offered some suggestions regarding a general sewerage system and disposal plant which seemed to us entirely out of the question on account of the very great expense in construction and maintainance.

While we were considering their suggestions, several nuisances which had given us more or less trouble for some time, became such that action had to be taken at once.

We found ourselves confronted with two or three court cases, which was not a pleasing prospect even though our success was assured.

After securing a temporary stay in proceedings the State Department of Health was again consulted and sufficient encouragement obtained to warrant us to proceed. With this as a starting point we consulted our engineer, Mr. Barbour, who changed the plans already proposed to include Plymouth street so as to include the Normal school and Perkins street so that the McElwain shoe factory could be accommodated.

A meeting of the abuttors of the proposed system was called and the whole system thoroughly explained. As no serious objection was raised at this meeting, a special town meeting was called and largely attended. At this meeting Dr. A. F. Hunt, chairman of the Sewerage Committee, made an extended verbal report of what had been done by the committee and submitted plans for the construction of a sewer system which would take care of that portion of the
town most in need for many years to come. It was to be so constructed that other sections of the town could connect at any time. The chairman then asked for an appropriation of $10,000 with which to construct the system. After many questions and considerable discussion it was voted to construct the system recommended by the Sewerage Committee and give them the appropriation asked for.

Your committee then advertised for bids and several were received. The contracts were awarded as follows: General contract to John E. Palmer, of Boston; vitrified pipe to Eastern Grain Co., of Bridgewater; manhole covers and steps to Sessions Foundry Co. of Bristol, Conn.

The work of construction was at once begun and carried forward in a most systematic manner from the vicinity of the depot on Broad street up to the Square, or until they were obliged to discontinue work on account of the cold and freezing weather. The work will be resumed in the spring and carried forward to completion as rapidly as possible consistent with good work.

Your committee feels that the town has taken a step forward in the right direction. A sewerage system has been a necessity for a long time, not only for those who expect to make this town their home, but as an inducement to those looking for homes. The first and most important question raised by a prospective resident is, "how about sewerage?"

We have worked hard to bring sewerage to this town for years previous to the report we made in 1903, and in spite of the predictions of many that it never would be built, it is now, we are happy to say, an actuality. We believe as soon as its benefits are fully realized, the people will not be slow in seeking its extension to other sections and within a short period of years all of the thickly settled portions of the town will be covered by this system.
APPROPRIATION.

Expenditures from the appropriation may be found in the Selectmen's report. It will be noted that the appropriation was overdrawn by $87.58. This is due to the excess of the cost of operating the excavator cart over the earnings of the cart.

The following figures show the receipts and expenses:

Total receipts, $393 60
Paid Highway Dept., $437 19
Repairs, 44 51

$481 70

Excess of cost over receipts, $88 10

With the cart being operated by the Highway Department, so well equipped for the work, it is hard for us to understand why it should not be self-supporting. We have this matter under consideration, and will probably have more to say about it in the future.

The usual appropriation of $500 is requested for the coming year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of deaths in town, 81
Number of deaths at State Farm, 145
Number of houses quarantined for contagious diseases, 4
Number of houses fumigated, 7
Number of slaughter house licenses granted, 2
Total number of animals slaughtered: Hogs 260; Cattle 4; Calves 2, 266
Number of plumbing inspections, 70
Number of milk licenses granted, 28
RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board of Health recommends that modern sanitary plumbing be installed in the Town Hall as soon as connection can be made with the sewer. The present conditions are abominable.

We recommend that the following article be incorporated in the Town Building Laws:

"That modern sanitary plumbing must be installed in all new houses built within the water district."

ALBERT F. HUNT, M. D.,
JOSEPH BRENNAN,
C. R. SMITH, Secretary.

Board of Health.
Treasurer's Report.

Schedule A gives the approximate total Revenue and Expense of the town during the year, including expenses unpaid and revenue collectable at the end of the year. Transactions in regard to borrowed money are not included in this schedule. Therefore, this schedule is a statement showing approximately the revenue accrued and the expense incurred during 1915. The excess of revenue was $7,326.28 which goes to decrease of "Deficit Account" in the town's balance sheet, as set forth in Schedule B. The assets and liabilities on December 31, 1916, are given in Schedule B, and the financial condition of the town is shown therein.

Schedule C gives a consolidated and detailed cash statement of the total receipts, total payments, and cash balances at the beginning and end of the year, including receipts from loans and the payment of these loans, Trust Funds received and the disposition of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. WILBAR,
Treasurer.
**SCHEDULE A.**

**Revenue and Expenses of the Year 1915.**

(Loans and payments thereof, not included.)

**Revenue.**

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<td>Bank and Corporation Taxes</td>
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<td>Street Railway Tax (State)</td>
<td>2,672.51</td>
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<td>Dog Dividend</td>
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<td>P. C. and H. C. Fines</td>
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<td><strong>Department Revenues:</strong></td>
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<td>School</td>
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<td>Tree Warden</td>
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<td>Sewer</td>
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<td>Fire</td>
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<td>Moth</td>
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<td>Town Officers</td>
<td>82.83</td>
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<td>Health</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>808.47</td>
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<td>Cemetery</td>
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<td><strong>Accounts Receivable,</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$126,700.36</strong></td>
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**Deficit Account, 1915.**

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<td>Excess of Revenue, 1915</td>
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<td><strong>Deficit Balance, 1915,</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,792.00</strong></td>
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Public Schools:
- School Department, $38,753.97
- Fire Escape, Blackstone School, 100.00
- Sanitaries, Blackstone School, 397.88

Public Charity:
- Poor Department, 7,607.85
- Soldiers’ Relief, 296.95

Public Safety:
- Sewer Department, 1,618.02
- Care of Public Dump, 27.00
- Cemetery Department, 19.57
- Police Department, 3,573.81
- Fire Department, 4,907.70
- Auto Chem. Fire Truck, 4,490.24
- Health Department, 1,050.18

Public Highways:
- Highways and Bridges, 13,698.89
- Street Lighting, 3,490.35
- Moth Department, 2,560.98
- Tree Warden Department, 1,365.06
- Plymouth Street Special, 4,570.70
- Dean Street Extension, 98.02
- Goodwin Street, 499.58
- Oil Wagon, 590.00

Public Administration:
- Town Officers Department, 4,405.01
- Building Offices in Town Hall, 1,364.48

Public Celebration:
- Memorial Day, 185.00

Public Library:
- Library Department, 2,608.72

Abatement of Taxes, 485.58

Unclassified:
- Printing and Advertising, 527.86
- Interest Payments, 1,896.45
- Contingent Expenses, 2,275.87
- State Tax, 10,003.10
- County Tax, 5,605.26
- Accounts Payable of 1915 (Estimate), 300.00

Excess of Revenue, 7,326.28

Total, $126,700.36
SCHEDULE B.—BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1915.

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<td>4,321 09</td>
<td>Sewer Notes,</td>
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<td>Cash in Bridgewater Trust Company,</td>
<td>484 80</td>
<td>Accounts Payable:</td>
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<td>Uncollected Taxes, 1914,</td>
<td>3,018 73</td>
<td>Town Officers,</td>
<td>300 00</td>
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<td>Uncollected Curbing Taxes, 1914,</td>
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<td>Uncollected Taxes, 1915,</td>
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<td>State Aid (due from State),</td>
<td>1,794 00</td>
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<td>Dog Dividend (due from County),</td>
<td>788 90</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable (Poor),</td>
<td>285 51</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable (Highway),</td>
<td>225 78</td>
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<td>Plymouth Street Special (due from State),</td>
<td>1,500 00</td>
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<td><strong>Deficit Balance;</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$34,300 00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>7,792 00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Trust Funds, Bonds,</strong></td>
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<td><strong>12,112 50</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Trust Funds in Savings Banks,</strong></td>
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SCHEDULE C.

Consolidated Statement of Cash receipts and disbursements, including Loans and Trust Funds.

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<td>Cash received from all sources</td>
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<td>Cash disbursements</td>
<td>$176,763.83</td>
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<td>Cash Balance, December 31, 1915</td>
<td>$4,807.89</td>
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(For detailed Statement see table next page.)
## Detailed Statement of Cash Received and Paid Out During 1915

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<td>State Aid</td>
<td>1,794.00</td>
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<td>Street Lighting</td>
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<td>Hawkers’ &amp; Pedlers’ Licenses</td>
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Goodwin Street, 499 58
Care of Public Dump, 27 00
Auto Chem. Fire Truck, 4,490 24
Fire Escape, Blackstone School, 100 00
Sanitaries, Blackstone School, 397 88
Contingent Department, 1,515 46 2,275 87
Police Department, 1,233 96 3,573 81
Poor Department, 1,513 27 7,607 85
Highway Department, 2,307 05 13,698 89
Town Officers Department, 8,322 00 4,405 01
Health Department, 439 60 1,050 18
Library Department, 808 47 2,608 72
Accounts Receivable of 1914, 2,184 82
Accounts Payable of 1914, 295 75
Cemetery Department, 19 57 19 57
Cemetery Trust Funds, 600 00 *600 00
Cash on hand December 31, 1915, 4,807 89

$181,571 72 $181,571 72

* Deposited.
Auditors' Report.


We have this day completed the examination of the accounts of all officers and committees of the Town charged with the receipt and expenditure of money and have found the same correct.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer Jan. 1, 1915, was $11,394.05. The receipts for the year were $170,177.67. The expenditures for the year were $176,763.83 leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer Jan. 1, 1916, of $4,807.89.

EDWIN KEITH,
RICHARD PICKETT,
EDWARD F. McHUGH,
Auditors of Accounts.
## Report of Town Clerk.

### Births Recorded in Bridgewater in 1915.

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<th>DATE</th>
<th>CHILD'S NAME</th>
<th>PARENTS' NAME</th>
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<td>Jan. 3</td>
<td>Earle Hanson Webster</td>
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Whole number of births 214. Males 103; Females 111.
Marriages Recorded in Bridgewater in 1915.

Jan. 1. Harry Benson Parris and Alice Evelina Parry, both of Bridgewater.
2. John Kusleyka of Bridgewater and Anna Waluntynajti of Brockton.
17. George William Thibeault and Gertrude Helen Pickett, both of Bridgewater.
18. Louis Elzeard Emond of Fall River and Marie Anna Eleanor Bolanger of Bridgewater.
24. Paul Katwicki and Wanda Eikman, both of Bridgewater.
25. Job Anderson Otis of Bridgewater and Julia Marie Pearson of Spring Hill, N. S.
31. Jan Mackiewicz and Stanisława Kalasewicz, both of Bridgewater.
31. Julian Snigir and Juliana Baranowska, both of Bridgewater.

Feb. 10. Ernest George Vincent of Bridgewater and Annie Mary Lipper of Brockton.
11. Charles Alphonso Smith of Bridgewater and Lillian Maud Bayley of Taunton.
20. Satrak Der Minasian of Bridgewater and Mary Burr Currie of Boston.
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24. Ignacy Baklaga of Bridgewater and Antanina Marmysh of West Hanover.

30. Wladyslaw Madeksza and Helen Spirydovicz, both of Bridgewater.

June 1. John Murphy of Taunton and Ellen Marie Lawton (Horgan), of Bridgewater.


15. Chester Merion Ford of Bridgewater and Lillian Alice Strong of Brooklyn, N. Y.


27. Wincenty Dzienowagis and Stanistawa Kurciewicz both of Bridgewater.


30. Frank Joseph O’Donnell of Bridgewater and Marguerite Elizabeth Mahoney of Walpole.

30. Fletcher Boyer Hysler of Bridgewater and Marion Ellena Doyle of West Bridgewater.


30. Martin Lee of Roslindale and Katherine Nee of Bridgewater.
July 25. Franklin L. Warren and Agnes Kingman Newton, both of Bridgewater.

31. Manuel Mello and Theresa Leal Sylvia, both of Bridgewater.

31. Alberto Giovanani and Maria Pagani, both of Bridgewater.

Aug. 8. Herman Davis King of Bridgewater and Jessie Conant Crowell of West Dennis.


14. Frank Lester Avery of Pontiac, R. I., and Elizabeth Stoddard Taylor of Bridgewater.

14. Horace Bernard Conlon and Mary E. Parker (Lee), both of Bridgewater.

15. Frank Alexander Carpenter and Margaret Johnson, both of Bridgewater.

21. Henry Cochrane and Alice Collins (Jacques), both of Bridgewater.

25. Frank Mediliskas and Antosi Kinzre, both of Bridgewater.

28. Carlo Binaghi and Clemantina A. Cassiani, both of Bridgewater.

28. Antonio Tavarez Rego and Maria P. Chavez, both of West Bridgewater.


1. Alexander Kent Hartling of Bridgewater and Christiana Cameron of Middleboro.

4. Donald Gardner Wilbar of Bridgewater and Nell Caroline Lanphear of Richmond, R. I.

5. John G. Silva and Maria Rodrique, both of West Bridgewater.
6. Adelore C. Desnoyer of Bridgewater and Edna Dunphe Foley of West Scarboro, Maine.
6. Wincenty Mankiewicz and Rozalia Kopacz, both of Bridgewater.
12. Peter Dwareckos and Lucy Wodezkinte, both of Bridgewater.
16. Lester Willard Sprague and Lois Leanora Ash, both of Bridgewater.
25. Thomas Elmer Ansley Bailey and Ethel Cassandra Dearth, both of Bridgewater.
29. Louis Entin and Bella Mellow, both of Bridgewater.

Oct.
5. Joseph Lial Silvia, Jr., of Bridgewater and Lettie Emma Austin of West Bridgewater.
5. Howard Ellsworth Hall and Mabel Louise Brown, both of Bridgewater.
6. Harold Clifton Ashley of Brockton and Ethel Maria Howland of Bridgewater.
9. Leon Wager and Mary Isabel, both of Bridgewater.
12. Ernest Francis Fourgeray and Nettie Elvira Cutting, both of Bridgewater.
15. Konstanta Gugulis and Mary Kasper (Aiukonis), both of Bridgewater.
17. Sotiris N. Imbrion and Olga C. Rigopoulos, both of Bridgewater.
24. Wadyslaw Pasterski and Jodwigo Waroseka, both of Bridgewater.
30. Edwin Forest Hutchinson and Annie Muriel Forcier, both of Bridgewater.

Nov. 4. William Libby Mitchell and Mary Muceda Rosa, both of Bridgewater.
21. Mike Sinkevic and Yecenta Grigas, both of Bridgewater.
24. Oliver Joseph Boys and Elsie LeReine Desnoyer, both of Bridgewater.
24. Dennis Alphonsas Sweeney of Bridgewater and Catherine Celia Craig of Brockton.
25. Leon Martin Swift and Bessie Franklin Kendrick, both of Bridgewater.
27. Juliano Botti and Amelia Bianchini, both of Bridgewater.


Number of licenses issued, 86.
Number of marriages recorded, 92.
### Deaths Recorded in Bridgewater in 1915.

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Whole number of deaths recorded 244. In town, 98; State Farm, 146.
ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 99 OF THE REVISED LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of the birth, giving the street number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in a city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so recorded. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3 shall so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. A parent, or other persons, who by section 6 is required to give, or cause to be given, notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for ten days after the time
limited therefor, shall forfeit not less than five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 24. The Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE TOWN OF
BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1915.

A. H. WILLIS, PRINTER,
BRIDGEWATER, MASS.
1916.
Organization.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.  Term expires.
Edward A. MacMaster, Chairman,  1917
Albert F. Hunt, Vice Chairman,  1916
Harlan P. Shaw, Financial Secretary,  1917
Mrs. Georgiana M. Cook,  1918
Mrs. Katherine Prophett,  1916
George W. Cutler,  1918
John E. DeMeyer, Recording Secretary.

Regular monthly meeting of the Committee second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Complaints,—Edward A. MacMaster, George W. Cutler, Georgiana Cook.

Evening School,—Georgiana M. Cook, Katherine C. Prophett, Harlan P. Shaw.

Fuel, Repairs and Incidentals,—Harlan P. Shaw, Edward A. MacMaster, George W. Cutler.

Text Books and Supplies,—Katherine E. Prophett, Georgiana M. Cook, Albert F. Hunt.

Transportation,—Albert F. Hunt, Edward A. MacMaster, George W. Cutler.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

John E. DeMeyer. Tel. 283–3.
Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m.
Home address: 111 Walnut Street, Abington.
Tel. Residence, Rockland 274.
Report of the School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRIDGEWATER:

Herewith is submitted the Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1915.

As has been the case for several years, the Committee desires again to call to the attention of the citizens the consistent growth of the school population in this town. The question of furnishing additional school accommodations must be met very soon. If the rate of increase, which has obtained during the past few years, continues during the coming year, the schools will be greatly over-crowded in September. It was anticipated, when the McElwain School building was completed and occupied, that provision had been made for the natural increase in attendance for a long period of years to come. This building was occupied for school purposes for the first time early in 1912. At that time, the enrollment of children, as shown by the attendance records of the previous fall, was nine hundred seventy-eight. At this time, as shown by the enrollment records of last fall, the attendance is eleven hundred ninety-four, showing a net increase in four years of two hundred sixteen. The McElwain School has accommodation, with every seat occupied, for three hundred thirty-six children. There are now in attendance there three hundred.

In 1910, shortly before the opening of the McElwain School, there were four hundred fifty-three children attend-
ing the Model School, and at this time in that building there are four hundred sixty-five children. It will be remembered that the McElwain School was built largely to relieve the congestion in the Model School building, and it is now apparent that the congestion at that building has again become acute.

In accordance with our custom for several years past, we submit the following table showing the enrollment as of October first in recent years:

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A substantial growth in the last three years has taken place in the territory adjacent to Plymouth street and east of the line of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. From this immediate region there are now pupils attending the Model school to the number of ninety, whereas, three years ago there were approximately forty from this same region.

So far as can be judged from the probable future development of that vicinity, this number will be greatly increased in the immediate future. The Committee feels very strongly that some action should be taken at an early date in order that the situation as it will probably exist in September of this year, may be met intelligently. We are not, as yet, prepared to recommend that a new building be built immediately, but we desire to impress upon the minds of all interested that before the close of the current year, some action must doubtless be taken.

The cost of conducting the School Department must, of necessity, increase from year to year when the school popu-
lation tends to increase so rapidly as has been the case in this town in recent years. We are asking this year for an increase of $1800.00 in our appropriation over last year, making a total appropriation now asked for of $38,400.00, as compared with $36,600.00 last year. This increase is, in part, brought about by the employment of two additional teachers, one at the McElwain School, who was employed in September of last year, and one to be employed at the High School, beginning with September, 1916. In addition to the expense occasioned by the employment of these two teachers, it is the intention of the committee to increase the salaries of several teachers who are now receiving less than the maximum salary of Seven Hundred Dollars per year, so that these teachers will receive the maximum. There has also been an increase in the cost of transporting children living at a remote distance from the center.

We have prepared the following table of comparison between the expenditures in 1910 and 1915, and an analysis of this table may be of value to all who are interested in the schools:

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1910 Number of pupils in Town Schools, 458
Number of pupils in Model School, 453
Total number, 911
1915 Number of pupils in Town Schools, 729
Number of pupils in Model School, 465
Total number, 1,194

In 1910 the Town paid for the entire schooling of 50.03% of its pupils.
In 1915 the Town paid for the entire schooling of 61.05% of its pupils.

It will be seen by this table that the expenditures have increased to a very large degree, but, upon a close analysis, it will appear that as the Town grows, it must of necessity, provide schooling for a larger proportion of its children than was formerly the case. It will be noticed that in 1910, when there was a total enrollment of nine hundred eleven children, there were in attendance at the Model School four hundred fifty-three, or substantially one-half of the entire school population. In 1915, with a total enrollment of eleven hundred ninety-four, there were in attendance at the Model School, four hundred sixty-five, as compared with seven hundred twenty-nine in the other Town schools. The increase, therefore, in attendance between 1910 and 1915, amounting in the aggregate to two hundred eighty-three, was substantially all in the Town Schools.

The entire school problem is a most perplexing one in a town such as ours, which seems destined to experience a rapid growth in the immediate future. We feel that a proper solution of this problem calls for a most careful consideration of all the elements involved. It is not unlikely that at some time during the year the Committee may feel obliged to make a definite recommendation to the Town as to the additional school accommodations, and the foregoing figures have been submitted at this time in order that the citizens may realize that the Committee is aware of existing conditions.

The general situation with respect to the School Department calls for little comment at this time. The year 1915
has been one of progress and we feel that the various departments of the school work have been carried on in an increasingly efficient manner. The evening school this year, for the first time, has appealed to our own town boys and girls, who were desirous of obtaining instruction. Heretofore, the Evening school has been attended exclusively by those of foreign birth and of non-English speaking extraction. This year, departments have been organized and carried on for the benefit of young people who have been attendants in other years in the grade schools or in the High school. Some thirty or more young men and young women are now availing themselves of the opportunity thus offered. There is no department of the school work which we feel deserves encouragement from the citizens so much as does this department of the evening school.

The Committee has been desirous of introducing manual training in the grades, but we do not feel warranted in establishing such a course at present, because of the expense involved. The results which have been obtained by the introduction of instruction for girls in sewing and in cooking, at the McElwain School, have been most pleasing to the Committee. It would seem that there ought to be corresponding courses for the boys, but we feel that the time has not yet arrived to inaugurate such a course.

In closing, we desire to express our appreciation of the support and assistance which have been rendered the School Department by the Parent-Teachers Associations. The interest, which has been displayed in the work of the schools by these Associations, has been most helpful. We believe that because of these Associations, the spirit of co-operation between the parents and the school authorities has been greatly strengthened.

We desire to call particular attention to the detailed report of the Superintendent, and to the special reports attached hereto.
**FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Names of parties whose bills have been approved during 1915, the total amount of such bills, and the accounts under which they are entered:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1915.

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**Total:** **$38,808.67**
ESTIMATES FOR 1916.

Salaries:
- High School, $6,925.00
- Other Schools, $18,955.00
- Superintendent, $1,100.00
- Music Supervisor, $400.00
- Drawing Supervisor, $500.00

Care of Buildings, $2,000.00
Fuel and Lighting, $2,000.00
Repairs, $900.00
Incidentals, $700.00
Printing, $100.00
Expressing and carting, $100.00
Transportation, $2,800.00
Text Books and Supplies, $1,600.00
Rent, $1,500.00
Medical Inspection, $100.00
Evening School, $750.00

Total (Salaries and Other): $27,850.00

Income estimated:
- Dog Tax, $750.00
- Interest, $650.00
- Tuition from State, $100.00
- Other tuition, $500.00

Total Income: $2,000.00

Total (Salaries and Income): $38,400.00
We ask for an appropriation of $38,400.00 for 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. MACMASTER,
HARLAN P. SHAW,
MRS. GEORGIANA M. COOK.
G. W. CUTLER,
MRS. KATHERINE C. PROPHETT,
ALBERT F. HUNT,

School Committee.
TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF BRIDGEWATER.

It is with pleasure that I submit my seventh annual report of the Bridgewater Schools for your consideration. The year has been one of progress along lines outlined in previous reports. A special effort has been made to remedy the defects in scholarship and to raise the school to a higher plane of efficiency. There is much still to be done, but I feel that much progress has been made and that the year has, on the whole, been successful.

At the time of the opening of the McElwain School the pupils were brought together from various outlying schools where they had had unequal opportunities and, consequently, were unequally prepared for the work. That condition caused problems difficult of solution, but many of those pupils have now passed out of the school, and others have had the advantages of the well graded system long enough to overcome the deficiencies resulting from poor preparation. The school is today in excellent condition and prepared to do a higher grade of work than it has ever done. The results of the advantages offered by the opening of that building are too apparent to one who has the interest of the pupils at heart to need comment. It is not, however, so plainly apparent to the general public that the out-lying schools themselves have have been benefited by the change. Fewer grades, together with sufficient increase in salaries to enable us to retain teachers for longer periods of service have changed
the situation in some of the outside schools and they are fast taking their place in the educational system of the town.

The task confronting the rural school teachers can hardly be appreciated by those who are not familiar with their problems. The school is only one of many educational institutions in a community. The different industrial institutions and social activities each have their part and each contributes to the child's fund of knowledge. They awaken in him a desire for more information either consciously or unconsciously. Such activities are almost invariably found in the village and frequently are far removed from the rural school. The result is that the school must furnish all the incentive that the home is unable to furnish. The lack of keen competition among small groups of children adds still further to the burden. To arouse these pupils to the possibilities that are in them becomes one of the chief tasks of the rural school teacher. During the past years special effort has been made to accomplish this task and in some instances the results have proven very gratifying.

**ENTRANCE AGE.**

Two years ago your Committee raised the entrance age to five years and six months instead of five years. This was done for two reasons. First, it was felt that the pupils entering the first grade at five and a half or six years of age could do the work in less time because of the added maturity, and would graduate at as early an age as those entering at five. Second, it relieved, for the time being, the over crowded condition in the lower grades. The experience of the past two years has convinced those who have the schools in charge that the change was a wise one. We have fewer immature children entering our first grades and the result is a larger percentage of promotions.
NINTH GRADE.

For a long time the ninth grade has been under consideration by educators the country over. It was at first introduced to help bridge over the gap between the grades and the high school. Experience has proven that this has not been accomplished. The ninth grade has in almost every instance, merely added one more grade to the elementary school, and the gap between the grades and the high school has remained as marked as before. Statistics accumulated from widely separated communities and very different conditions show that there still were fully as many pupils failing in the Freshman Class as formerly. Educators finally realized that they had tackled the problem from the wrong angle, that the real trouble came from existing courses of study.

The High school was originally organized to fit for college and that has always remained its principal function. Other courses introduced were considered secondary and made subject to the one special aim of the school. The colleges prescribed certain subjects which they were willing to accept. The reason why the subjects were selected is one which does not concern us, but it resulted in practically every boy and girl who entered the high school being obliged to take those subjects irrespective of his or her ability. A few years ago the colleges recognized the fallacy of such a course and proceeded to modify their requirements, thus relieving the pressure on the high school. The high school has in turn availed itself of the opportunity to modify its course, so that at present the Freshman year of the high school may be devoted to general education and the specialization may begin with the Sophomore year. In this way the high school has, in a large measure, solved the problem that was originally considered the work of the ninth grade. These changes, together with the increase of efficiency of grade work by means of greater concentration on the essentials, has paved
the way for the elimination of the ninth grade.

It would seem that next September would prove an opportune time for Bridgewater to take that step. It will not mean that all pupils now in the eighth grade will be promoted to the high school, but rather that such pupils as show sufficient power will be given an opportunity to try the work. The promotion of pupils should always be based upon the principle of the greatest good to the pupil. The question each teacher should answer is, "In what grade will this pupil receive the greatest possible good during the coming year?" Many pupils can and will, if allowed, accomplish the work in the elementary grades in eight years; others need nine for the same amount of work. In a well regulated system it makes very little difference whether there are eight or nine grades. It really resolves itself into a matter of convenience in organization, and our organization can, it seems to me, be improved by the elimination of the Ninth Grade.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The elimination of the Ninth Grade will mean that there will be a larger number of pupils promoted to the high school in June of this year than is usually the case. The high school has grown materially in the last two or three years, in fact the enrollment at the present time is the largest in the history of the school, and with the increased number in the Freshman Class in September, 1916, the present accommodations will be inadequate. The time is not far distant when Bridgewater will be obliged to add to its high school accommodations. The school population in the grades has grown much more rapidly than has the high school. The increase has come in a large measure in the lower grades, and as time goes on and those pupils gradually work their way through the grades, the effect will naturally be an increase in enroll-
ment at the high school. I believe that it will be possible to
care for the pupils entering next September by dividing the
assembly hall and making it into two rooms. A division of
the hall is undesirable for many reasons: it will make it im-
possible to get all the school together for music, or any other
function, and will, of course, eliminate the use of the hall
for evening entertainments and school dances; but it would
seem that under the existing conditions, it is the best arrange-
ment possible. The only alternative would be to put the
school on a two session basis with the last three grades in
the morning, and the Freshman class in the afternoon. In a
town like ours where many of the pupils come long distances
and over roads that are not always in the best of condition,
there are very obvious disadvantages in an afternoon session,
in that the pupils could not leave the building till approxi-
mately five o'clock, and during the short days of the winter,
they would be obliged to return to their homes after dark.
Also, the afternoon session is necessarily shorter than the
morning, consequently the pupils lose a certain amount of
time.

There will be need for an additional teacher owing to
large classes which will have to be divided. The adding of
another teacher to the present corps of the high school will
assist in the solution of many problems now existing in the
school. It will enable us to give each teacher subjects per-
taining to the department of work for which she is best
fitted. That has already been done in so far as it was possi-
ble, but with the limited teaching corps, it has been neces-
sary to give certain teachers a variety of subjects. It is
unreasonable to expect that any teacher can be an expert in
four or five different branches. The result has not been as
satisfactory as the teachers themselves could have wished in
some instances, but with a larger corps and a better division
of subjects, it should be possible to obtain more efficient work
in all departments.
When the William H. McElwain School was built, it was hoped that the question of school accommodations in the grades had been settled for a considerable period of time, but conditions in the town have changed rapidly; population has grown even more rapidly than the town's people had reason to anticipate, and with it the school population has grown beyond expectations. The Model School today is caring for more pupils than it did the year before the building of the McElwain School. The McElwain School is overcrowded in certain of the lower grades, and if the next year's entrance class at the Model School is as large as was last year's, some arrangement for relieving congestion will be imperative. A glance at the enrollment given in this report will show that in the Model School district, the first four or five grades are very much overcrowded. The prospects for the future would indicate that this condition will become more and more acute as time goes on. Some further school accommodations will be absolutely necessary in the near future. If the town should decide to erect another school building during the coming year, it certainly would not be ready before it was needed for occupancy. The statistics will show that the outlying schools have fallen off slightly in attendance; and that the increase in the last four or five years has been almost entirely in the vicinity of the Model School district. The proposition of opening the old South Street School building, which is frequently discussed by various citizens, is not practicable. There are approximately thirty pupils coming from the South district; those pupils range from grade one to nine, inclusive, and it would be practically impossible to get a competent teacher who would be willing to accept such a position as that school would be provided it were reopened. It would not relieve the congestion in the Model School to any material extent, because it would take only three or four
pupils from each of the grades, and it would double the cost of the present arrangement. It is costing, at the present time, about fifteen dollars per month to transport those pupils and it would cost approximately from sixty to seventy dollars per month for a teacher, and the results, so far as the children are concerned, would be very unsatisfactory.

**Evening School.**

The work in the evening school for the winter of 1914 and '15 proved by far the most satisfactory since the opening of the school. The interest shown by the non-English speaking people was particularly gratifying. The enthusiasm manifested by those pupils who had had the opportunity of attending the evening school the year before, and who wished to continue the work convinced all associated with the work of its value. The school was graded in a better manner than in previous years, and the results obtained were more satisfactory. Beginning with this year, the evening school had for the first time a class of American boys and girls. I have felt for a long time that there must be in the town, a large number of boys and girls who were for some reason unable to continue their work beyond the elementary grades, who would avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the evening school to continue their education. Classes were organized for such pupils in Arithmetic, Geography, Book-keeping, Stenography, Typewriting, Penmanship, Algebra, and Geometry. In some instances, the choice of subjects on the part of the pupils was not altogether wise, and in some instances the pupils attempted to take more courses than was practical in the period of time which they had; but on the whole, the experiment has been particularly gratifying, I feel that those who really came with a definite object in view have obtained a great deal from their course, and I believe that in the future, this department of the evening school is
going to become more and more important and will demand more and more of our attention.

The industrial conditions in the town have been such that many of our non-English speaking pupils have been working evenings and consequently the numbers attending evening school have not been as large as was the case last year. In looking the matter up as carefully as possible I am convinced that the pupils who are not working have availed themselves of the opportunities offered by the evening school. I believe that, when industrial conditions become normal and the factories cease to run so many hours in twenty-four, our proportion of non-English speaking pupils will be quite as large, if not larger, than ever before. If there are any phases of educational work that are worth while in an industrial community such as Bridgewater, I believe that the evening school is certainly one of them.

COOKING AND SEWING.

The course in cooking and sewing at the McElwain School has demonstrated the value of such work for the girls.

The interest has been good and the results obtained speak well for the quality of instruction. It would seem advisable to offer these courses earlier in the grades as soon as conditions will permit, and to offer more advanced courses for pupils who may be particularly interested in household arts.

MANUAL TRAINING.

The great need of the present time is some form of Manual Training for the boys. The girls have cooking and sewing which cover their needs; the boys on the other hand, have no corresponding course except in very few instances. The problem presented by offering Household Arts to the
girls without some equivalent course for the boys is a difficult one. The question arises "What shall we do for the boys while the girls are having Domestic Science?" We have tried various experiments, some of which have proven very successful; but I feel that at best, we cannot hope to accomplish all that we desire until we can have facilities for offering manual training to certain boys. I do not believe that all boys need a large amount of manual work. It is undoubtedly true that a knowledge of the use of tools is worth while for every boy. But I feel that manual training is failing in many instances to fulfil its mission largely because of an attempt to make all boys accept it. That, it seems to me, is quite as great a mistake as to attempt to force all pupils to take Latin or Greek or any other subject. I do believe that we have certain boys in every school that would profit very greatly by such a course. It would, also, allow great possibilities for differentiation in the courses of study for grades seven and eight. It is a recognized fact that all pupils in grades seven and eight should not be obliged to pursue the same general course. Our great difficulty in attempting to broaden our courses in those grades is that our courses are not balanced so far as the manual work provided is concerned. I believe that arrangements could be made with the principal of the Normal school by which the town and Model school jointly could employ a teacher of Manual Training. That would insure a better grade of teacher than we could hope to secure if obliged to pay the entire salary. The work in the Model School and in the town schools would, in my opinion, occupy the full time of a man. I realize that the burden of school expenditures in the town is heavy and that possibly it may not be an opportune time to present such a plan, but I feel that some provision for manual work for the boys would open up so many possibilities and would prove so great an advantage to our school system as a whole that we ought to consider the matter very seriously before laying it on the table.
PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The interest taken by the Parent-Teachers Association in the school work has resulted in increased interest on the part of parents, pupils, and teachers. The spirit of co-operation manifested speaks well for the leaders of the association. Such associations can do an infinite deal of good to schools in any community, and I believe that the Parent-Teachers Associations of Bridgewater are working along the right lines and that their influence has already proven beneficial, and will continue to do so in the future.

HOME GARDENS.

Last spring, the schools assumed the responsibility for the home garden work for the first time. The work was, in a measure, new to some of the teachers, but it was entered into with enthusiasm on the part of both teachers and pupils. Early in the year plans for gardens were discussed by teachers and pupils, seeds ordered, and the work started. In September, we held exhibits at the McElwain and the Model Schools for which blue ribbons were offered as prizes. Some of the children exhibited at the Bridgewater fair, later. I believe that those who saw the exhibits were fully convinced of the value of the project and that next year's results will prove much more satisfactory even than last year's. I wish to thank the Parent-Teachers Association and the Grange for their assistance in this work.

In conclusion, I would express my appreciation of the co-operation of the teachers and School Committee, in fact, all with whom I have been associated during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. DEMEYER,
Special Reports.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

TO Supt. J. E. Demeyer:

I herewith submit to you my sixth annual report as Principal of Bridgewater High School.

In the curriculum of the school few changes have been made during the past year. Commercial Geography and Physiology, each half year subjects, have been dropped. It was felt that since both these subjects were already being given in Grade 9, it would be economy to drop them from the High School and devote the extra time thus gained to the strengthening of other subjects. The teacher so relieved took over English History which had been previously taught by the teacher of English. In her turn the English teacher divided the Junior English into two divisions, one for College and Normal Preparatory, and the other for Commercial pupils. Thus the scheme, begun last year, of having two lines of English throughout the four years, was completed. The several changes put into effect a year ago have been working out well. For the future, we are considering some change for the Ancient History. So far this subject has been given in the Freshman year. It has not, after a long trial, proven satisfactory. On investigation we find the same trouble in other schools. Pupils of that age do not seem able to handle Ancient History, and too many failures occur. We shall probably decide to place this subject in one of the upper
classes. We are also considering the introduction of Community Civics into all the courses of the Freshman year.

I would call attention to the increased enrollment of the school this year. We have registered 159 pupils, divided as follows:—Seniors, 20; Juniors, 33; Sophomores, 43; Freshmen, 63. It will be noted that the Senior Class is small but that the three lower classes are of considerable size. The entering class next year promises to be much larger than ever before. This means that next year we shall have, in all probability, a school of at least 175 pupils, possibly 200. With such an increase we would need another teacher and additional recitation room. Indeed, if another teacher were added it would be necessary to provide more recitation room. At present all available rooms are in use practically every period of the day. It would be well to be forming in advance some plans for another teacher and more room, in case conditions make them necessary.

One change in the teaching force has occurred during the past year. Miss Mildred Inman succeeds Miss Helen Cummings in the French Department. The other members of the faculty remain as for several years past. The school is fortunate to retain its teachers for considerable periods of time.

We have been having some success in getting parents of pupils about to enter High School to take a more active part in selecting the course which their children shall follow. We aim to do more of this, for we realize that when the parent takes a hand in selecting the course, and, perhaps, confers with the principal, much time and energy that is now wasted is saved to the pupil and to the school. When a pupil is allowed to choose his own course entirely, unless he has already formed a good idea of what he would like to make of himself in the future, he is likely to select a subject because he thinks it will be easy, because some chum has taken it, or from some other equally aimless reason. To be sure, pupils or parents cannot always decide, on entering high school, just what
they may want to do in the future. But they can, at least, give thought and care in selecting a course, and have an aim. Then later, if their final selection of a life's work is different they may change their course. A person with a definite object in view will always accomplish more than one who is wandering aimlessly.

Of the Class of 1915, two have entered college, one at Brown and one at Bates, one is attending Wentworth Institute, and nine have entered Bridgewater Normal School.

I give below the Commencement Program of the Class of 1915.

PROGRAM.

Music, — “Venetian Summer Night,” Moszkowski
School Chorus.

Invocation, —
Rev. Walter B. Murray.

Address, — “Have an Aim,”
George L. Farley,
Superintendent Brockton Schools.

Music, — “Darkey Lullaby,” Dvorak
Girl’s Trio.

Presentation of Class Gift, —
Morris Henry Brown.

Acceptance of Gift, —
John Thomas Clark.

Presentation of Diplomas, —
Edward A. MacMaster,
Chairman of School Committee.

Music. — “Excelsior,” Balfe
School Chorus.

Finale.
GRADUATES.

SENIOR CLASS.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Beulah Greenshields Eames,
Clara Bates Josselyn
Mildred Eliot Wing.

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Morris Henry Brown,
Guy Sanford Baker

NORMAL PREPARATORY COURSE.

Hannah Williams Bassett,
Flora Margaret Cochrane,
John Nicol McIlwraith,
Annie Cecilia O’Donnell,
Dorothy Carpenter Rice,
Dora Frances Sutherland.

GENERAL COURSE.

Alton Everett Caswell,
Harold Charles King.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Richard Sylvester Barton,
Mary Cecilia Beatty,
Mary Agnes Devine,
Geraldine Catherine Fountain,
Harry Richard Neville,
Merle Weldon Poland,
Edith Eno Simmons,
Violet Jessie Smith,
Esteria Frances Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. BLAKE,
Principal.
REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Middleboro, Mass.

Mr. J. E. DeMeyer, Supt. of Schools, Bridgewater, Mass.

My Dear Mr. DeMeyer:—I have to report a very good year in all the grades, some of them doing much better work than ever before. The teachers are to be commended for their zeal, especially those having two and three grades.

I wish we might have, in the larger buildings at least, Victrolas where the pupils could hear the best, and learn to know and appreciate the best. In the marches and folk songs and dances they would be very helpful and instructive.

Our High School is doing splendid work. I wish more parents could find time to visit us at eight-thirty Thursday mornings.

I am at the Prospect and McElwain buildings every other Friday and would be glad to have parents visit these schools with me.

Respectfully yours,

A. M. HOWARD,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Mr. John E. DeMeyer,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

This year we have planned the lessons in the manual arts in the grades for each half year, in such a way that every
exercise is a step toward three definite results: something for the school, something for a gift, and something for the child to keep.

For the school, the primary grade sketches and cutting of fruit forms have resulted in decorative borders in the rooms; the intermediate grades have procured story telling friezes; model rooms are to be made of cardboard and furnished by competitive designs; the grammar grades make boxes or envelopes for school use. For gifts, the articles made for Christmas involved weaving, pasting, sewing, stencilling, etc.; Valentines and Maybaskets were made. For the pupil to keep, all the sketches of plants, trees, people, objects, all the designs, and working drawings, are combined into books with appropriate covers and title-pages.

In the High School, the Art course places emphasis during the first, second, and third years, respectively, on outline drawing, on light and dark (pencil and charcoal), and on color; the fourth year reviews principles and processes. The Technical course, in the first year includes geometric problems, working drawings, and patterns; the second, orthographic projection; the third isometric drawing, mechanical perspective, house plans; the fourth, machine drawings and architectural styles. All classes have problems in applied design, and the junior and senior Art classes study Art-history.

It is our constant aim to have the drawing lessons help other subjects, and the things made practical, involving useful processes. We feel that it is quite as important to the future well-being of all the pupils that they be able to make their hands obey their heads, as to be able to read, write, "cypher," or sing. In fact, the majority of our pupils find their place in the world depends on their skill of hand, rather than on any other one power. A very large proportion of Bridgewater young people leave school from the grades, and later support themselves by some form of manual work.
Hence the crying need for definite manual training for boys as well as girls in the grammar grades, and for more time for all forms of handwork in all the grades.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA TOWNSEND LITTLE,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Mr. J. E. DeMeyer, Superintendent of Schools.

In accordance with the law providing for the medical inspection of school children, the various schools have been visited and the children looked over, particular regard being paid to any skin eruption which might be present, also to the condition of their heads and of their mouths and throats.

Pediculosis capitis is the trouble most commonly met with. This condition calls for the exclusion of the child from school until the head is cleaned and the nits removed. Adenoids and enlarged tonsils are also frequently found and unfortunately there is no way of forcing the parents to have these difficulties remedied even when it is most evident that the child is suffering from and terribly handicapped by these obstructions to breathing and collectors of disease.

During the spring of 1915, as during the preceding fall, there were many cases of whooping cough which necessitated long absences from school and during the past fall there have been numerous cases of chicken pox in the schools. A few cases of impetigo contagiosa and ring worm have been excluded from school during the year.
The amount of inspection of school children which is at present provided for seems entirely inadequate for the best results. It is most necessary that cases of pediculosis capitis, impetigo contagiosa, and the like should be followed up in the homes in order that the child may as quickly as possible be back in school. Parents should be interviewed and persuaded to have necessary operations done. For this purpose it is to be hoped that at no distant day, school nurses with adequate training may be employed, two or three or more towns clubbing together to pay the expenses of such work.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. CARR, M. D.
Appendix.

**Comparative Statistics for the Last Eight Years.**

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Enrollment October 1914, 1135. Increase over corresponding enrollment a year ago, 59.
GENERAL STATISTICS.

FOR YEAR OF 1914 AND 1915.

Number of schools based on single class rooms as a unit, 32
Number of pupils in town (Sept., 1915) 5 yrs. of age or over and under 16: boys 558; girls 565, 1,123
(a.) 5 yrs. of age and over and under 7: males 131; females 89, 220
(b.) 7 yrs. of age or over and under 14: males 344; females 378, 722
(c.) 14 yrs. of age or over and under 16: males 83; females 98, 181
(d.) Number of illiterate minors 16 yrs. or over and under 21: males 25; females 22, 47
Total enrollment of pupils: grades 1,039; High School 136, 1,175
Aggregate attendance: grades 146,300½; High School 23,787, 170,087½
Average daily attendance: grades 890.7; High School 180, 1,020.7
Average number of days public schools were in session: grades 179; High School 192.
Average membership: grades 952.5; High School 132.7, 1,085.2
Per cent. of attendance, 94½
Number of teachers employed in all public schools for year 1914 and 1915: men 3; women 38, 41
Number of teachers graduated from Normal School, 32
Number of teachers graduated from College: men 1; women 5, 6
Number of teachers employed in the High School on full time, 7
Number of pupils graduated from High School, June, 1915, 22
Number of pupils entering Freshman Class, Sept., 1915, 50
Number of pupils enrolled in Evening School for 1914 and 1915, 181
Average Membership, 136.6
Average attendance, 121.17
Per cent. of attendance, 88.64
Cost per pupil, $5.89+

TEACHERS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

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High School Session: 8.30 a.m., to 1.30 p.m.
Tuition for non-resident pupils in High School, $50.00 per year.
WM. H. McELWAIN SCHOOL.
Tel. 83-2.

Term of\nService began | Salary Jan. 1, 1916
Grace B. Simmons, Principal, | 1912 | $1,050
May Bellamy, Grade IX, | 1914 | 650
Belle Duncan, Grade VIII, | 1914 | 650
Nellie Adams, Grade VII, | 1912 | 700
Edith Cagney, Grade VI, | 1912 | 650
Alice Norcross, Grades IV and V, | 1913 | 650
Bertha Hinckley, Grade III, | 1912 | 700
Helen Thompson, Grade II, | 1912 | 650
Ilene Sweeney, Grade I, | 1909 | 650
Janitor, F. A. Mellen. Salary, $750.

PROSPECT SCHOOL.

Term of\nService began | Salary Jan. 1, 1916
Ella Knight, Principal, Grades VI, VII, VIII, | 1911 | $850
Mary Callahan, Grades III, IV and V, | 1903 | 650
Rose O'Donnell, Grades I and II, | 1905 | 700
Lena Tripp, ungraded, | 1911 | 700
Janitress, Margaret Crowley. Salary, $250.

PRATT SCHOOL.

Term of\nService began | Salary Jan. 1, 1916
Grace Whiting, Grades IV, V, and VI, | 1915 | $500
Ethel Waterbury, Grades I, II, and III, | 1911 | 650
Janitor, Wm. McCrillis. Salary, $2 per week.
FLAGG SCHOOL.

Term of Salary
Service began Jan. 1, 1916

Mildred Whitman, 1911 $650
Janitor, Frank L. Pitts. Salary, $1 per week.

BLACKSTONE SCHOOL.

Term of Salary
Service began Jan. 1, 1916

Katherine O’Donnell, Grades IV, V, and VI, 1913 $600
Mary Galvin, Grades I, II, and III, 1906 650
Janitor, Wm. E. Temple. Salary, $2 per week.

DYER SCHOOL.

Term of Salary
Service began Jan. 1, 1916

Sarah Keith, Grades I, II, III, and IV, 1906 $650
Janitress, Mrs. H. B. McFadden. Salary, $1 per week.

MODEL SCHOOL.

Term of Salary paid
Service began by Town

Brenelle Hunt, Principal, 1899 $1,000
Elizabeth Pope, Grade IX, 1914 380
Martha Burnelle, Grade VIII, 1895 380
Bertha Davis, Grade VII, 1912 380
Nellie Bennett, Grade VI, 1897 380
Jennie Bennett, Grade V, 1898 380
Bertha Metcalf, Grade IV, 1908 342
Ruth M. Moodie, Grade III, 1914 342
Neva Lockwood, Grade II, 1907 342
Flora Stuart, Grade I, 1890 342
Ruth Davis, Grade I, 1911 342
Frances Keyes, Kindergarten, 1895 342
Anne Wells, Kindergarten, 1893 342
Bernice Barrows, 1914 380

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Austin M. Howard, Address, Middleboro. $400
Tel., 349-M Middleboro.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Mrs. Flora Little. Tel., 48-2. $500

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Arthur W. Carr, M. D. Tel., 210. $100

TRUANT OFFICER.

E. Frank LeBaron, Tel., 153-5.

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS.

No school for grades:
7:45 a. m. no school in morning.
11:45 a. m. no school in afternoon.
Signal: Two blasts repeated four times (- - - - - - -)
There is no signal for closing High School.
AGE OF ENTERING FIRST GRADE.

Pupils must be five years old on or before March 1st, preceding opening of School in September, to be eligible to first grade.

AGE OF ENTERING KINDERGARTEN.

Pupils must be four years old on or before March 1st, preceding opening of School in September, to be eligible to kindergarten.

REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

No pupils shall be transported to Kindergartens at the town's expense.

All pupils living more than one and one-half miles from the school which they are required to attend shall be transported until they have completed the Grammar Course or leave school to go to work.

All pupils attending High School who are under 14 years of age and who live more than one and one-half miles from school shall be furnished car tickets provided they can utilize the railroads for transportation.

No pupils over 14 years of age shall receive transportation to the High School.

Car tickets shall be given out by the room teacher who has the record of the pupil's attendance—and proper deductions shall be made for all absences from school for any causes whatsoever.

Pupils living on streets not covered by the barge routes as laid out by the Committee shall be required to walk to the nearest points of said routes to meet the barge.
CALENDAR 1916.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Spring Term April 4—June 21.
Fall Term September 5—December 22.

TOWN SCHOOLS.
Spring Term April 3—June 14.
Fall Term September 5—December 22.

MODEL SCHOOL.
Spring Term March 28—June 20.
Fall Term September 6—December 22.

HOLIDAYS.
October 12.
Tuesday of Brockton Fair week.
The afternoons of first two days of Bridgewater Fair.
Day of Plymouth County Teacher's Convention.
From Tuesday night of Thanksgiving week to the following Monday.
February 22.
April 19.
May 30.
TOWN MEETING.

Monday, March 6, 1916. Poll Opens at 5.45 a.m.

This meeting is called within the compliance of provisions of Chapter 284, Acts of 1915.

ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To choose one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Overseer of Poor for three years, two School Committee for three years, one Board of Health for three years, three Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Auditor for three years, one Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Tree Warden, and all minor Town Officers for the year ensuing. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? Poll will be open at 5.45 a.m., and unless otherwise determined by the meeting will close at 11.30 a.m.

3. To hear and act upon the report of the Auditors of Accounts, School Committee, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Superintendent of Streets, Trustees of Public Library and Board of Health.
4. To hear and act on the report of any Committee chosen by the Town.

5. To hear and act upon the report of the Superintendent of Streets respecting the Guide Boards in Town.

6. To raise, appropriate, and vote into a tax to be assessed upon the polls and estates according to law, such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the support of Poor, support of Schools, Town Library, repairs of roads and bridges, lighting the streets, water hydrants, Superintendent of Schools, patrolling the streets, Police Department, Fire Department, rental of Academy, Tree Warden, Town Officers and for incidental expenses of the Town for the year ensuing.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenues of the current financial year.

8. To see if the Town will appropriate money for celebrating Memorial Day.

9. To see what action the Town will take in relation to instructing the Collector of Taxes, and to determine the rate of interest to be collected on all unpaid taxes.

10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Highway Commission for the construction of a State Highway on Broad Street from the East Bridgewater line to Bridgewater Center, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see what action the town will take toward purchasing the land of E. B. and F. C. Gammons, corner of High and Hayward Streets for a Town Forest, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate $500 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C. (By request.)
13. To see what action the Town will take in rebuilding the bridge on Plymouth Street known as Prattown Bridge, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $500 for the purpose of installing modern sanitary toilets in the Town Hall.

15. To see if the Town will install a fire alarm box at Scotland Center and to raise and appropriate money for the same. (By Petition.)

16. To see if the Town will install a fire alarm box at the junction of Clarence Avenue and Shaw Road and to raise and appropriate money for the same. (By Petition.)

17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $50 per year, for the use of the District Nurse Association.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to have some additions made to the fire station and install heating and plumbing fixtures, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

19. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to purchase 1,000 feet of hose and appropriate money for the same.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to increase the salary of the Fire Engineers. (By Petition.)

21. To see if the Town will vote to pay the firemen of the Town of Bridgewater the sum of fifteen dollars a year and fifty cents an hour. (By Petition.)

22. To see what action the Town will take in regard to assessing and collecting betterment taxes pertaining to sidewalks and sewers, and the amount of interest to be collected on the deferred payments.
23. To see if the Town will accept the highway known as Winthrop Avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

24. To see if the Town will accept the highway known as Beebe Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

25. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to take out Insurance on the Town employees and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for installing a steam heating system at the Public Library.

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,400 to equip, and maintain a manual training department at the W. H. McElwain School. (By Request.)
Report of
Committee on By-Laws
and
Committee on Building Laws.
Report of
Committee on Town-By-Laws.

The Committee on the preparation of a code of Town By-Laws herewith submits its report.

Attached hereto will be found a code of by-laws, as prepared by the Committee. In preparing the same, we have endeavored to cover, as well as may be, the situation as now existing. We have been guided largely by similar codes which have recently been prepared for the use of other towns in the Commonwealth. We have compared a large number of such codes, and have adopted such provisions therein, and have added such other provisions, as seemed to be applicable to the needs of this town. Many of the articles presented relate largely to routine matters, and we presume will not occasion particular discussion.

Article 1, relating to town meetings and notice thereof, and particularly Section 2 thereunder, presents a substantial change in the time of calling the Annual Meeting. We feel that the provision therein set forth, namely, that the meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the first Monday in March, and the consideration of business matters shall be held at an adjournment to be held on the following Saturday afternoon, offers, on the whole, the best solution of this vexed question. There are in our opinion serious objections to the holding of a business meeting in the evening. Much of the business to be considered thereat must of necessity go over
until a late hour. Many of our citizens living at a remote distance from the Town Hall are reluctant to attend an evening meeting held in the month of March, when inclement weather is frequent. The growing tendency to observe Saturday afternoon as a semi-holiday seems to provide a happy solution of the difficulty. If this time is selected for the holding of the business meeting, there will usually be abundant time to dispose of all matters of importance in one afternoon. It offers an opportunity to those of our citizens, whose business or employment is in Boston or elsewhere, or who live at a distance from the village, to attend the meeting. In view of all the circumstances, we earnestly recommend to the consideration of the voters Article 1 as prepared.

Under Article II, relating to procedure at town meetings, we feel that the provisions therein contained will meet with the approval of the town.

Under Article III, relating to the duties of the Finance Committee, we have prepared a provision which, while it is novel to the Town of Bridgewater, is in common use in other towns throughout the Commonwealth. With the growth of business, and the steady increase from year to year in the amount of appropriations made by the Town, it would seem sound business judgment that some effort should be made to guard against hasty and ill-advised appropriations. It is the belief of your committee that a Finance Committee, appointed and organized under the provisions of Article III, will provide a satisfactory check on such appropriations, and will give to the voters the benefit of such Committee’s careful consideration of the problems affecting Town finance.

The succeeding articles in the code, as prepared, speak for themselves. We trust that the code, as a whole, may be carefully read and considered by all the voters, to the end that when the matter comes before the Town, it may be thoroughly understood by all present.

We would respectfully suggest that any citizen des
to change or modify any of the articles or sections as printed, should carefully prepare in advance any suggested changes, and submit the same in writing at the Annual Meeting.

The code, as finally adopted by the Town, must be submitted to the Attorney General at Boston, and be passed upon by him. It must also be published for three successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in the town. It will be seen, therefore, that a high degree of care should be exercised in the final adoption of the code.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. MACMASTER,
WILLIAM BASSETT,
CHARLES J. MERCER,
JAMES J. GORMAN,
GEORGE W. CUTLER,
Committee.
By-Laws of the Town of Bridgewater.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS AND NOTICE THEREOF.

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town Officers shall be held on the first Monday of March in each year. The polls shall open at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall remain open until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when they shall be closed, unless the time of closing is extended by vote of the meeting as hereinafter set forth, and it shall be so stated in the Warrant calling the Meeting. The time of closing the polls may be extended by vote of the Meeting, but it shall not be cut down.

Section 2. All business of the annual meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined at such meeting, shall be considered at an adjournment thereof; which adjournment shall be held on the first Saturday after the first Monday in March in each year at 1.30 in the afternoon.

Section 3. Service of the warrant for every town meeting, unless a different time or method is prescribed by law, shall be made by posting a copy thereof at the main entrance to the Town Hall and in at least four other public places in said town seven days at least before the day appointed for
said meeting and a compliance with this section shall constitute legal notice of any such meeting.

**ARTICLE II.**

PROCEDURE AT TOWN MEETINGS.

*Section 1.* At any town meeting held for the transaction of town business, if the Moderator or a vote of the meeting so orders, no person whose name is not on the list of voters shall be admitted to the floor of the hall and such order may be enforced by the use of the check list, but the same shall not apply to State elections; primaries or town meetings for the election of town officers or be construed to prohibit press reporters from admission. The Moderator shall determine the bounds of the hall.

*Section 2.* All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting, and all committees so appointed shall be directed to report within a definite time. If a committee does not report within the time stated, or at the first town meeting held thereafter, it shall be considered discharged. The Moderator shall not be a member ex-officio of any committee.

*Section 3.* Articles in the warrant shall be acted upon in their order, unless the meeting by vote otherwise determines.

*Section 4.* All reports, motions and resolutions submitted for the consideration of the meeting involving the expenditure of money shall be in writing. Any report, resolution or motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator so directs.

*Section 5.* No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except for the correction of an error or to make
an explanation, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, nor until others, who have not spoken upon the question, shall speak if they desire.

Section 6. No person shall speak for more than five minutes, for the second time on any subject, if there are any other citizens who desire to be, but have not been, heard on the same subject, without first obtaining leave of the meeting.

Section 7. Every person desiring to speak shall arise, address the Chair, obtain recognition and stand while speaking, unless the Moderator otherwise directs.

Section 8. All votes, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be taken, in the first instance, by a "yes" and "no" voice vote. If the Moderator is in doubt as to the vote, or if any citizen immediately doubts the vote, the Moderator shall call for a standing vote or by a show of hands as the Moderator shall direct. If the Moderator be still in doubt, or the vote as declared by the Moderator be immediately questioned by twenty or more of the voters, the vote shall then be taken by a "yes" or "no" ballot. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the taking of a vote by ballot in the first instance, if a motion to that effect shall be duly made and carried by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon.

All votes on the appropriation of money in excess of Two Hundred Dollars shall be taken in the first instance by ballot, as above provided, unless said appropriation shall be recommended or approved by the Finance Committee.

Section 9. Except at the Annual Meeting and adjournments thereof, no vote shall be passed at a town meeting, appropriating or involving the expenditure of more than Two Hundred Dollars, unless there shall be present, at least, one hundred legal voters of the town.
Section 10. The Moderator may decline to put motions obviously frivolous or tending to disorder, and all secondary motions other than the previous question shall be debatable or not debatable in the discretion of the Moderator. The Moderator shall be governed in his rulings by the provisions of this article.

The duties of the Moderator not specially provided by law or by these By-Laws, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing’s Manual of Parliamentary Practice, so far as they may be adapted to the circumstances and powers of the town.

Section 11. No vote after being once passed at a meeting shall be reconsidered at any adjournment of such meeting, unless written notice of the intention of the motion to reconsider shall have been filed with the Moderator before the adjournment of the meeting where the original vote was passed, or written notice of such intention shall have been filed with the Town Clerk four days, at least, before the date to which such meeting was adjourned. If such notice of intention is filed with the Moderator of the meeting as above set forth, the Moderator shall forthwith make public declaration thereof. If such notice is filed with the Town Clerk, he shall forthwith give public notice thereof, as provided in Section 4 of Article V, hereof.

**ARTICLE III.**

**DUTIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee, consisting of six voters of the town, no one of whom shall be a town officer elected by ballot, or an appointed official receiving a salary. The members of this committee shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk
and shall serve without salary.

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator. The Moderator elected at the annual Town Meeting in the year 1916, shall in April of that year appoint a Finance Committee, two of whom shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for the term of two years, and two for the term of three years. The Moderator elected at the annual meeting in each year thereafter, shall in April of that year appoint two members of said committee to serve for the term of three years.

The term of office of said members shall commence on May first of the year of their appointment.

Said committee shall meet at the call of the Moderator and choose its Chairman and Clerk. The committee shall forthwith fill by appointment any vacancies which occur in its membership, and said appointee shall serve for the remainder of his predecessor's term of office. The members of the Finance Committee shall be so chosen that at no time shall more than a two-thirds majority thereof be of the same political party.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall consider matters relating to the appropriation, the borrowing and the expenditure of money by the town, its indebtedness, the methods of administration of its various offices and departments, property valuation and assessments, and other municipal affairs, and may make recommendations to the town or to any town board, officer or committee, relative to such matters.

Section 4. The Finance Committee, or its duly authorized agents, shall have authority at any time to investigate the books, accounts, records, or management of any office or department of the town, and said committee may employ such assistance as it may deem advisable for that purpose. Said books, accounts and records shall be open to the inspec-
tion of the committee or any person employed by it. All officers and committees of the town, either appointive or elective, shall furnish to the Finance committee, upon request, information of any kind relating to such office, department or committee, and shall, upon request, submit to the inspection of the Finance Committee or its duly authorized agents, all books, accounts, documents, correspondence and records of such office, department or committee.

Section 5. The various town boards, officers and committees charged with the expenditure of town money, shall before January first of each year, prepare detailed estimates of amounts deemed by them necessary for the administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing fiscal year, with explanatory statements of the reasons for any changes from the amounts appropriated for the same purpose in the current year. They shall also prepare estimates of all probable items of income which may be received by them during the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or offices, and a statement of the amount of the appropriation requested by them for the ensuing fiscal year. Said estimates and statements shall be filed with the clerk of the Finance Committee on or before January first of each year.

The Finance Committee shall duly consider the same and may confer with said town boards, officers and committees, and may hold hearings if they deem it advisable. The committee shall thereupon approve or disapprove the amount, in whole or in part, of the appropriation so requested. The committee shall furnish to the Selectmen on or before February first of each year, a report of the matters so considered by it, with recommendation or suggestion relative thereto, and the same shall be published in the annual town report of that year. Said report of the Finance Committee as published in the town report shall also contain a statement of the
doings of the committee during the year, with such recom-
mendations or suggestions as it may deem advisable on any
matters pertaining to the welfare of the town.

Section 6. Requests by town boards, officers, committees or
citizens for the insertion of articles in warrants for any town
meetings, which requests involve the expenditure or appro-
priation of money, shall be presented in the first instance to
the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, after due
consideration, as provided in Section 5 of this Article, shall
approve or disapprove, in whole or in part, the expenditure
or appropriation involved, and shall so notify the board,
officer or committee which submitted the request for the
article, and also the Board of Selectmen, with such recom-
mandations or suggestions as the Finance Committee shall
deem advisable. When an expenditure or appropriation is
sought by the Board of Selectmen for a department or matter
under the control of said Board, any proposed article for such
expenditure or appropriation must first be submitted to the
Finance Committee for its approval or disapproval as herein
provided.

ARTICLE IV.
DUTIES OF THE SELECTMEN.

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have the general direc-
tion and management of the property and affairs of the town
in all matters not otherwise provided for by law or by these
by-laws.

Section 2. The Selectmen may appear, either personally
or by the Town Solicitor, or by special counsel before any
court, committee of the legislature, or any State or county
board or commission, to protect the interests of the town.

Section 3. The Selectmen shall have charge of, and
shall draw orders on any and all moneys appropriated for the departments under their control and all appropriations not specifically entrusted to the control of any particular board or committee. They shall not transfer moneys appropriated for a specific purpose to any other appropriation. They shall make a detailed report of all appropriations and expenditures therefrom, in the annual printed town report.

Section 4. All conveyances of land or interests in land which may hereafter be authorized by a vote of the town, or otherwise, shall be signed by a majority of the Board of Selectmen, unless otherwise provided by law or by vote of the Town, and shall be sealed with the town seal.

Section 5. The Selectmen shall check on the voting list names of voters coming into the town meeting. They shall also act as tellers on all votes which may be counted, under the provisions of Section 8 of Article II hereof. The Selectmen shall have the power to appoint tellers to act in their stead, if occasion requires. Such tellers, when so appointed, shall be four in number, two from each of the leading political parties; but the provisions of this section shall not apply to the State election, primaries, or meetings for the election of Town Officers.

Section 6. The Selectmen shall insert in all town meeting warrants an article providing for the receiving of reports of any outstanding committees.

Section 7. In town meeting warrants the Selectmen shall cause to be printed at the end of each article involving the expenditure or appropriation of money, the word "Approved" or "Disapproved," in whole or in part, in accordance with the report of the Finance Committee.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen to impose and enforce a set of rules and regulations for the government of the Police Department and the guidance of the members thereof. They shall have copies of said rules and regulations
printed and shall provide each regular and special member of the Department with a copy of the same.

Section 9. The Board of Selectmen shall not lay out any street on petition until the petitioners shall have furnished the Board with a proper plan of the street prayed for, showing the lands, if any, to be taken, and the names of the owners thereof, the width of the proposed street, an outline of all buildings which are located adjacent to said street with the offsets from the line of said street to some permanent part of said buildings, stated in figures. In case there are not a sufficient number of buildings to locate the street lines in this manner, then distances from some known street line or some permanent structure must be given. There shall be filed an agreement referring to said plan signed by all parties who claim no damage and by those who will accept specific damages, naming the amount thereof, and giving the names and addresses of all parties who decline to release or state their prospective damages. Said plan shall be on mounted paper or substantial tracing cloth in size twenty-one by thirty inches. A profile of the proposed street shall be drawn on the same sheet, showing the existing elevations of the center and side lines of the street on fifty-feet stations measured from the center of an existing accepted street. The proposed finished grade shall also be shown by a red line or lines. The scale on all such plans shall be forty feet to an inch horizontal, six feet to the inch vertical. In general, all corners of connecting streets shall be rounded by a curve of appropriate radius, to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 10. The Board of Selectmen may order all buildings on public streets to be numbered in such manner as the Board shall prescribe; and shall so order when requested in writing by a majority of the persons owning real estate on any such street. The owner of every such building on a public street shall comply with such order within ten days
thereafter. The owner of any unnumbered building may request the Board to designate the number for such building and the Board shall comply with such request within ten days thereafter. The Board of Selectmen may recommend such numbering of buildings on private ways.

**Section 11.** The Board of Selectmen may at any time temporarily close any street or way within the town, if in the opinion of said Board public necessity, common convenience or safety so requires.

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**ARTICLE V.**

**DUTIES OF THE TOWN CLERK.**

**Section 1.** The Town Clerk shall furnish for the use of the voters at town meetings, perforated yes and no ballots, with letters not less than one-half inch high, as provided for under Section 8 of Article II of these by-laws, and shall also provide regular voting lists for use of the town tellers at town meetings.

**Section 2.** He shall keep a file of all town reports, reports submitted by all committees chosen by the town, and all original documents relating to the affairs of the town which come into his custody. He shall suitably index all such reports and documents and all the records of the town in his custody, in a manner convenient for reference and examination.

**Section 3.** He shall have stated daily hours for the transaction of business, and shall give public notice thereof.

**Section 4.** When the Town Clerk shall receive notice from a voter of his intention to move the reconsideration of any vote, as provided in Section 11 of Article II of these by-laws, he shall immediately thereafter give public notice in a
newspaper published in the town of Bridgewater of the receipt of such notice of intention.

**ARTICLE VI.**

**DUTIES OF THE TOWN TREASURER.**

*Section 1.* The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all funds belonging to the town, except funds for which other provision is made by law, or by these by-laws, and he shall pay no money from the treasury, other than court judgments, bonds, notes which may come due and the interest thereon, and weekly pay-rolls, except upon a warrant or order from the board or committee having charge of an appropriation, or a duly authorized sub-committee of such board or committee, together with the approval of any other board or officer required by law. Such warrant or order shall be sufficient authority to the Treasurer to pay the same, and payment of the same upon such warrant or order shall discharge him from all liability on account of the money so paid.

*Section 2.* The Treasurer shall furnish properly prepared coupons or stubs from all bills or receipts for which he has received money, to the auditor or auditors, to show that he has entered the proper amount in his cash book.

He shall also make a detailed report of receipts and expenditures and of all trust and sinking funds in his charge, together with a statement of the town debt, which shall be printed in the annual town report.

*Section 3.* The Treasurer shall deposit all sums in excess of five hundred dollars ($500), in some bank or trust company which has the approval of the Selectmen to the credit of the town.

*Section 4.* He shall have stated hours for the transaction of business, and shall give public notice thereof.
ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF THE OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

Section 1. The Overseers of the Poor shall annually, in the month of March, appoint a Superintendent of the Almshouse, together with a Matron, and shall determine their salary for the term of one year, the term to commence on April first.

Section 2. Their annual report shall contain:

(a) A detailed statement of the expenses for the support of the poor during the year, including poor of the town supported in the town or elsewhere, those at hospitals or other institutions, poor of other places who are supported here, and poor chargeable to the State.

(b) A statement of the amounts received from other places, from the State and from other sources, on account of reimbursement of money spent by the town for poor, and of moneys due for such reimbursements and unpaid.

(c) The number of the poor at the Town Farm, giving their ages and the number of days they were cared for.

(d) An inventory and statement of the value of the real and personal property at the Town Farm.

(e) A report upon the Town Farm, its condition and management, and the care which is there taken of the poor; a statement of its receipts, expenditures and production.

Section 3. The Overseers of the Poor shall maintain at the Poor Farm suitable hospital quarters for the care and nursing of sick poor. All persons requiring such care and nursing shall be taken to said quarters if it seems advisable, or may be provided for at their homes in the discretion of the Overseers of the Poor. No such persons shall be taken to any local hospital without the consent of the Overseers or
Town Physician having first been obtained, except in emergency cases.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Section 1. The Board of Health shall annually make a report to be printed in the annual town report, showing in detail the statistics of the health and sanitary condition of the town, with recommendations for its improvement, together with a full and comprehensive statement of its work and that of its appointees, during the previous year; such report shall also contain a detailed statement of the amounts expended by the Board during the fiscal year. The Board shall make and publish such regulations as it deems necessary for public health and safety, and from time to time shall cause said rules and regulations to be printed in a form suitable for public distribution.

Section 2. They shall have charge of the appropriations for quarantine purposes, in addition to the regular health appropriation, and any special appropriation, which may be made by the town, which concern the health and sanitation of the town, not specifically entrusted to any other department.

Section 3. All expenses and salaries connected with their administration shall be paid from their appropriations.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Section 1. The Superintendent of Streets shall keep an accurate account of all money expended and all work done
upon all public ways and sewers of the town, and a detailed record of the number of teams and men employed, the extent and nature of the work done and the amount expended on each street, way or sewer.

Section 2. A pay-roll shall be kept of the employees of the road and sewer departments and a list of the names and amounts paid to the owners of teams employed. A detailed record shall be kept of all parties furnishing material to the department with the amount, cost and nature of such material.

Section 3. The Superintendent of Streets shall furnish an annual report in detail, of the work performed in the street and sewer departments, together with a detailed statement of the expenses of the department, to be printed in the annual town report.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Streets to make note of all street or sidewalk obstructions, particularly of all defects from which accidents to person or property are, or may be, alleged to have resulted. Immediately after such accidents are called to his attention, he shall make a careful investigation of the exact location of the alleged defect, the width, length, depth and other facts appertaining to the same. He shall forthwith submit a written report thereof to the Town Solicitor, which shall contain a list of all persons having information concerning the alleged obstruction, defect or accident.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Section 1. The annual report of the School Committee shall contain:
(a) A statement showing the value of the school property held by the town in buildings, grounds, furniture, text books and supplies.

(b) A statement of the cost of public day and evening schools, as required by the State Board of Education.

(c) A statement of the rank of the town in its appropriations for schools as returned by the State Board of Education.

(d) A report of the year’s work in the schools, with such recommendations and suggestions regarding educational work as the committee deems fitting.

(e) The school calendar for the year.

(f) A tabulated statement of membership, attendance, and truancy in the schools.

(g) A detailed statement of expenditures during the year.

(h) A list of teachers and other appointees of the Board, with their salaries.

(i) Such other information as the Board may deem advisable relative to the conduct and condition of the department; together with such recommendations as may seem proper for the future conduct of the department.

ARTICLE XI.

DUTIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Police Department shall consist of a Chief of Police, and such number of Police Officers as the Board of Selectmen shall deem necessary. They shall be appointed annually in the month of March by the Board of Selectmen. They shall enter upon their duties on April 1st
of each year. The Selectmen shall have the right to increase or decrease the number of police officers from time to time as they deem necessary, and shall fix their compensation. They shall be subject to all rules and regulations and perform all duties which now are or hereafter may be prescribed by the by-laws of the town, by the Board of Selectmen, or the rules and regulations of the Police Department, and may be removed or suspended or otherwise disciplined at any time by said Board.

Section 2. The Chief of Police shall be the head of the Police Department and subject to the general supervision and control of the Board of Selectmen, and shall have control of the department, its officers and members and of constables and special police officers when in the service of the department. He shall be responsible for the discipline and efficiency of his department and shall enforce the rules and regulations thereof.

He shall keep an account of all duties performed and of all absences from duty, with causes thereof. He shall take notice of all nuisances, defects and obstructions in the streets and other public places in the Town and shall take all proper measures relative thereto. He shall cause proceedings to be instituted for the prosecution or violation of the laws and by-laws. He shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall have his office at the Town Hall.

Section 3. The Chief of Police shall have the care of the Lock-up, shall have the care and custody of all property of the town used by the department, and shall keep a full and complete record of the business of the department. He shall report monthly to the Board of Selectmen, and at such other times as may be required by said Board, the doings of his department. He shall annually make a written report to be printed in the annual town report, of the organization and condition of the department, with a synopsis of the business
and of the expenses of the department for the preceding municipal year, together with such recommendations as he may think advisable for the future conduct of the department.

Section 4. The Chief of Police shall have power to temporarily relieve from duty any of his subordinates for neglect or non-performance of duty, for any act contrary to good order and discipline, or for the violation of any of the rules and regulations of the department. In such case he shall within forty-eight hours furnish to the Board of Selectmen in writing, a statement of his reasons for relieving such subordinates from duty. The Selectmen shall forthwith determine the merits of the case and may temporarily suspend an officer from duty for a period not exceeding ten days. No regular officer shall be suspended for a longer period or be discharged, without a hearing, notice of which shall be given in writing seven days before.

Section 7. The Chief and each regular member of the department shall devote his entire time to the business of the department. All regular members, including the Chief, shall be allowed ten days’ vacation each year without loss of pay, the time of said vacation to be designated by the Chief.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of each Police Officer patrolling a regular beat to report immediately all accidents happening on the highways patrolled by him, involving injury to persons or property. In cases which may possibly involve liability of the town for such accidents said officer shall make a careful investigation, securing the names and addresses of all witnesses thereto and incorporate the same in his report to the Chief of Police, who, in turn, shall make a full written report thereof to the Town Solicitor.

Section 9. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint such number of special officers as it may deem necessary; said special officers shall be subject to the authority of the Chief
of Police and shall devote so much of their time to the service of the town as he shall require. The amount of their compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Selectmen. They shall be paid by the hour for services actually rendered.

**ARTICLE XII.**

**DUTIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

*Section 1.* The Chief Engineer shall be held responsible to the Selectmen for the discipline, good order and proper condition of the officers and members of the department, and for the good condition of all houses, engines, hose, hose-carriages, horses, hooks and ladders, trucks and all apparatus and furniture belonging to the department. He shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Fire Department!

*Section 2.* The Board of Fire Engineers shall annually make a written report to the Board of Selectmen, to be printed in the annual town report. Such report shall contain:

(a) A list of all fires during the year, amount of loss in each case, time of alarm and cause of fire.

(b) A list of fire alarm boxes and their location.

(c) A statement of the property and apparatus in possession of the department, and its condition.

(d) A statement of the expenses of the department in detail, for the preceding municipal year.

(e) A list of the names and salaries of all officers and members of the department, with the company to which they are attached.

(f) Such other information as the Board may deem advisable relative to the conduct and condition of the department; together with such recommendations as may seem proper for the future conduct of the department.
Section 3. The Board of Fire Engineers, or any member thereof, in charge of fighting a fire, may cause any street or portion thereof, in the vicinity of such fire, to be roped off, as in his discretion he may deem necessary.

ARTICLE XIII.

DUTIES OF THE TOWN PHYSICIAN.

Section 1. The Overseers of the Poor, and the Board of Health, in joint meeting, shall annually in March choose a Town Physician, who shall serve for a term of one year, commencing April 1, or until the election or acceptance of his successor.

Section 2. The Town Physician shall, under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, visit and prescribe for the sick poor at the Almshouse and elsewhere within the Town of Bridgewater; he shall vaccinate, free of charge, all school children who may be sent to him by the School Committee, and all persons sent by the Overseers of the Poor for that purpose; he shall when requested by the Selectmen, Chief of Police, or officer in charge of the police station, attend prisoners who require medical or surgical treatment; he shall, when requested by the agent for Soldiers' Relief, visit and prescribe for persons receiving soldiers' relief; he shall, if practicable, when requested by the Town Solicitor, within twenty-four hours after such requests, make a careful physical examination of any injured person who has made or may make a claim for damages against the Town for said injury, and shall make further examinations as the Town Solicitor may from time to time require; he shall keep a record of each of such cases in a book kept for that purpose, and shall, after each physical examination as herein provided, furnish to the Town Solicitor a written report of the result.
of such examination; he shall perform all such professional services as may reasonably be required of him by the Overseers of the Poor or of the Board of Health for the protection of the town, or the welfare of those whom he is legally bound to assist. He shall give to any town board or officer any such professional advice pertaining to town business as it or he may require.

Section 3. The Town Physician shall, in the case of intended absence from the town for more than twenty-four hours, notify the chairman of the Overseers of the Poor of said purpose, and shall provide at his own expense a substitute physician.

Section 4. He shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the boards appointing him, together with reimbursement for the actual cost of medicines, vaccine, etc., furnished by him to persons treated by him in his official capacity as Town Physician.

Section 5. He shall annually make a written report to the Overseers of the Poor and the Board of Health, to be printed in the annual town report, concerning the professional services rendered by him during the preceding year, together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem proper.

ARTICLE XIV.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Section 1. There shall be chosen by ballot, at the annual town meeting in each year, three Trustees of the Public Library, to fill the vacancies occurring by the expiration of the term of service of persons heretofore elected, which Trustees shall hold office for the term of three years.
Section 2. All moneys appropriated for said Library shall be expended by the Board of Trustees in the purchase of such books as they shall select, and in the support and promotion of its interests and efficiency.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall have full power to appoint a Librarian and such subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, determine their duties, fix their salaries and remove them at pleasure.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees shall have the sole management of the Library and custody of the books and other property, and shall have full power to make any and all needful regulations for governing said Library and the use thereof.

Section 5. The said Trustees shall lay before the town, at each annual meeting, a detailed report of their doings and of the condition of the Library, to be printed in the annual town report.

ARTICLE XV.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Section 1. The Sealer of Weights and Measures shall be paid by salary, and he shall account for and pay into the treasury of the town the fees received by him by virtue of his office. His salary shall be fixed by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE XVI.

TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICERS IN GENERAL.

Section 1. No contract involving the creation of an obligation against the town exceeding the sum of one hun-
dred dollars shall at any time be made, except by vote of the committee or board, or a sub-committee of said committee or board thereunto duly authorized, having supervision of the department to which the same relates. Such vote shall be recorded on the records of each department, and such records shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Finance Committee.

Section 2. No contract for labor, or for labor and materials, involving the creation of an obligation against the town exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars, shall be binding upon the town, unless it is in writing and is signed by at least a majority of the entire board or committee in charge of the work, on the part of the town. Every such contract shall be accompanied by a suitable bond, with sureties, for the faithful performance of the same, or by the deposit of money or security in lieu of such bond.

Section 3. No board or officer shall make any contract in behalf of the town, the execution of which shall necessarily extend beyond one year from the date thereof, unless special permission so to do has been given by vote of the town.

Section 4. In every contract entered into on behalf of the town, involving the employment of mechanics or laborers, by a contractor, a provision shall be inserted to the effect that the board or other authority making such contract, may, if it deems it expedient to do so, retain for thirty-five days after the completion of the work under the contract out of any amounts due to such contractor sums sufficient to cover any unpaid claims of mechanics or laborers for work, labor or materials, performed, furnished or used, under such contract.

Section 5. No town board, officer or committee, except as otherwise provided by law, shall, in behalf of the town, make any contract for labor, materials or other expenditures
for which no appropriation shall have been made at the time of such contract.

Section 6. The annual report of all town boards, officers and committees shall include a list and the amounts thereof of all unpaid bills.

Section 7. All town boards, officers and committees shall file with the Board of Selectmen their annual reports on or before February first of each year.

Section 8. All town officers, boards and committees shall have their annual financial reports audited by the Town Auditors before the same are delivered to the Board of Selectmen.

Section 9. No board of officers of the town of Bridgewater, elective or appointive, nor any committee or member thereof, nor any agent or employee of such member, shall directly or indirectly be interested in any contract with the town for the employment of labor, expenditure of public money, the purchase of materials or supplies, the construction, alteration or repair of any public works or other property belonging to the town, nor the care, custody or management thereof if said board, committee or member is anywise entrusted or charged with any duty or authority in connection therewith, except that where competitive bids are called for, for the employment of such labor or purchase of such materials or supplies as are herein provided, any such member or person may submit a bid and may be awarded the contract if his bid be the lowest submitted.

ARTICLE XVII.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

Section 1. No person, excepting drivers of ambulances or patrol wagons, or members of the Fire Department
responding to an alarm of fire, shall drive or ride a horse or other animal at a rate of speed exceeding twelve miles an hour through any public way, street or avenue, in the thickly settled part of the town.

Section 2. No person having charge of a vehicle in any street shall neglect or refuse to stop the same or to place the same when stopped, as directed by a police officer.

Section 3. No person having under his care or control any vehicle, shall permit the same, or the animal or animals attached thereto, if any, to stand on or across any public highway, street or sidewalk, in such a manner as to obstruct the travel over the same, for an unnecessary length of time. No person shall stop with any vehicle in any public street, so near another vehicle as to obstruct public travel; and no person shall stop with any vehicle upon or across any crossing in any street or highway of the town, nor in front of any street railway signal post on any such street or highway.

Section 4. No person shall tie a horse to any shade tree bordering on the public highway.

Section 5. No person shall establish or maintain any shade or awning over any part of a sidewalk, street or highway, unless the same be securely and safely supported and unless the lowest part thereof be not less than seven feet above such sidewalk, street or highway.

Section 6. No person shall erect, set up or maintain any fence, portico, platform or doorstep extending into or on any sidewalk, street or highway; and no person shall hoist any article or material from any street or sidewalk into any building or on to any premises adjoining the same so that said article or material by being hoisted shall overhang any part of the street or sidewalk, without first obtaining a permit from the Chief of Police to do the same. The Chief of Police may revoke any such permit at any time if in his
opinion the apparatus used for that purpose or the manner of doing the same is unsafe.

Section 7. No person shall establish or maintain over any sidewalk, street or highway, any sign, sign-board or advertising device without a permit from the Board of Selectmen, but no such permit shall be issued for a sign to extend more than two feet out over the sidewalk, excepting flags or banners; and no person shall fix such sign or device to any tree, tree guard, post, pole or other object within the limits of such sidewalks, street or highway. Permits granted under the provisions of this section may be revoked at any time by said Board.

Section 8. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon any public sidewalk, street or highway within the town, without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen, any wood, lumber, iron, coal, trunk, bale, box, crate, cask, barrel or other thing, nor suffer the same to remain thereon for more than one hour after being notified by a police officer to remove the same.

Section 9. No person, by himself or his agents or servants, shall distribute or place in or upon any street, square, park, common, lane, alley, way or other public place, any placard, handbill, flyer, poster, advertisement or paper of any description, except that such paper may be placed within the doors of stores, offices and business houses and at the doors of residences.

Section 10. No person shall suffer horses or grazing beasts or swine to run at large in the town; or to feed within the limits of the highway in the thickly settled parts of the town; or to feed within the limits of the highway in any part of the town, unless securely tied.

Section 11. No person shall throw stones, snowballs, sticks or other missiles, or kick football, or play at any game in which a ball is used, or fly kites or balloons, or shoot with
an air-gun, bow and arrow, sling shot or other similar device, in or across any of the public ways of the town.

Section 12. No person shall address or accost another with any indecent or profane language in a street or other public place in the town.

Section 13. No person shall wilfully or negligently obstruct the free passage of foot travelers on any sidewalk, nor shall any person loaf upon any sidewalk, or in any street or public way of the town.

Section 14. No person shall break or dig up any sidewalk, street or highway, or place thereon any staging or other temporary structure, or move any building into or along the same without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen or the board having charge of the streets in such cases. Any person having such a permit, shall, before the expiration of the same, restore the sidewalk, street or highway to its original condition or to a condition satisfactory to such Board. Any permit issued under the provisions of this section shall be in force for such time as the Board may specify and shall be subject to such other conditions as the Board may prescribe, and especially in every case upon condition that during the whole of every night from sunset to sunrise, lighted lanterns and proper barriers shall be so placed as to secure travelers from danger. No person having obtained such a permit shall fail to comply with the conditions thereof. The Board granting such permit shall have the right to revoke the same at any time, and may require a bond either before the commencement of work or during its progress, to ensure its proper performance.

Section 15. No person shall coast upon or across any sidewalk or street of the town, except at such times and in such places as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 16. No person shall knowingly suffer or permit
any water or other liquid substance to run or be discharged from any building owned by him or under his control on to or across any curbed or finished sidewalk; except that any person may wash with water from hose or pipe any windows or parts of a store or other building before ten (10) o’clock A. M., and after nine-thirty (9.30) o’clock P. M.

Section 17. No person shall write, paint, print, or other-inscribe any notice, advertisement, word, figures or pictures on any of the public sidewalks of the town, except the advertisements of school activities, nor upon any fence or wall adjoining the same, without the consent of the owner thereof.

Section 18. No person, excepting drivers of ambulances, patrol wagons, or members of the fire department responding to an alarm, or a physician responding to an emergency call, or vehicles transporting United States mail, shall ride a horse or drive any vehicle through any funeral procession.

Section 19. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearms in or across any of the streets or public places within the town; but this section shall not apply to the use of such weapons in the lawful defence of one’s person, family or property or in performance of any duty required or authorized by law, nor upon such days as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 20. No person shall throw or place or cause to be thrown or placed upon any street or highway of the town, any nails, spikes, screws, glass, tin cans, or other similar articles.

Section 21. No person shall in any way injure any of the drinking fountains or watering troughs in the streets and public places of the town, nor throw or place any substance in the same which will tend to pollute water therein.

Section 22. No person shall walk, stand or lounge upon
any portion of any street or public grounds of the town devoted to the growing of grass or flowers, nor in any way dig, or injure or deface the same.

Section 23. No person shall injure, deface or destroy any street sign, guide-board, lamp-post, lamp or lantern thereon, nor any tree, building, fence, post or other thing set, erected or made for the use or ornament of the town.

Section 24. No person shall suffer a platform, or grate of an entrance, or opening to a cellar or basement in any street or sidewalk to rise above the surface of any such street or sidewalk, and every such entrance or opening shall at all times be covered by a suitable platform or grate, and in case of a coal hole, by a suitable covering; such entrances or openings when in use, shall be properly guarded in a manner subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 25. No person shall throw or place upon any sidewalk or street crossing, any banana skin, orange skin or other slippery substance.

Section 26. No owner or person having the care of a building abutting upon any brick, concrete or other curbed or finished sidewalk, the roof of which building slants toward such sidewalk, shall permit such building to be without a barrier, snow-guard or other device to prevent the falling of snow or ice from such roof to the sidewalk.

Section 27. A person driving or controlling a vehicle in turning to the left into another street shall pass to the right of and beyond the center of the intersecting street before turning.

Section 28. No person shall ride, drive or cause to be driven any horse or vehicle over that part of any street which is being mended, repaired or paved, if a watchman or signs are placed prohibiting the same.

Section 29. The driver of any vehicle proceeding on the
track in front of a street car shall, as soon as possible, turn out on a signal by the motorman or conductor of the car.

Section 30. All petitions from corporations or individuals for permission to erect poles in the public ways of the town shall state therein a description of the location prayed for and be accompanied by proper plans, on which shall be defined said locations, together with the location of all buildings located adjacent to the highway, also all poles which may be standing on said way, defining the ownership thereof, and all shade trees and hydrants if such there be, within a space of three hundred feet of the location desired in either direction on said way. Said plan shall show a section of the way in the manner defined of sufficient length to give general information in regard to the conditions in the street.

Section 31. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be liable to a fine of not more than twenty dollars, unless otherwise specially provided herein.

ARTICLE XVIII.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND VEHICLES.

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen may license suitable persons to set up and use hackney carriages for the conveyance of passengers for hire, within the town of Bridgewater. All persons engaging in the business of conveying passengers for hire within the town shall take out such number of hackney licenses as shall equal the greatest number of such vehicles to be used at any one time, by said person, during the year for which the license is issued. Every horse-drawn or motor vehicle, except street railway cars, which shall be regularly or commonly used for the conveyance of persons for hire within said town, shall be deemed a hackney carriage within the meaning of the by-laws.
Section 2. No person shall drive, or cause to be driven, within the town, any vehicles included in the foregoing section for the purposes specified therein, without a license or licenses as specified in Section 1 of this article.

Section 3. Every person holding a hackney license, shall have marked or attached in a conspicuous place on the outside of the conveyance used under said license, and upon each side thereof, the number of the license in plain, arabic figures of not less than two inches in height, and so that the same may be distinctly seen.

Section 4. No person holding a license under the provisions of this article shall employ or permit any person under the age of seventeen years to drive or operate any conveyance under such license.

Section 5. No person having charge of, or driving, or operating any hackney carriage shall, knowingly, receive or permit to be placed therein or convey in or upon the same, any person sick with any contagious disease, without subsequently and before the occupancy or conveyance of other persons, having such conveyance properly fumigated to the satisfaction of the Board of Health.

Section 6. No person, other than the holder of a hackney license, his agents or employees, shall solicit passengers for hire in any public way or place within the town.

Section 7. All licenses granted as aforesaid shall expire on the first day of May next after the date thereof, and may be revoked at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen. No license granted under this article shall be sold, assigned or transferred.

Section 8. All licenses granted under the provisions of this article shall be subject to the provisions of Article XVIII of these by-laws.

Section 9. The Clerk of the Board of Selectmen shall
notify the Town Clerk of all licenses granted under the provisions of this article, and the Town Clerk shall sign and issue the same on payment of the fee prescribed.

Section 10. The fee for a license under the provisions of this article, shall be one dollar for each vehicle, payable to the Town Clerk, for the use of the town.

Section 11. Every person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of not more than Ten Dollars for each offence.

ARTICLE XIX.

DEALERS IN JUNK AND KEEPERS OF JUNKSHOPS.

Section 1. The Selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals, or second-hand articles; and no person shall be a dealer in or keeper of a shop as aforesaid without such a license, and no person, under such a license, or on the licensed premises shall purchase, barter, sell or offer for sale any new or unused or unworn article or material.

Section 2. Every person so licensed shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description thereof, and the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase was made; and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Selectmen, and the inspection of any person by them authorized thereto.

Section 3. Every person so licensed shall put in a conspicuous and suitable place on his shop a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters; and he shall at all times allow his shop and premises and all
articles of merchandise therein to be examined by the Select­
men, or by any person by them authorized to make such 
examination; and he shall comply forthwith with all direc­
tions and requirements of the Selectmen and the Board of 
Health with respect to the appearance and sanitation of the 
articles on said premises.

ARTICLE XX.

JUNK COLLECTORS.

Section 1. The Selectmen may license suitable persons 
as junk collectors, to collect, by purchase or otherwise, junk, 
old metals and second-hand articles from place to place in the 
town; and no person shall engage in the business of collect­
ing junk, old metals or second-hand articles without such 
license.

Section 2. The Selectmen may require that such collect­
ors and persons acting as their employes or agents, shall 
display badges upon their persons or vehicles, or upon both, 
when engaged in collecting, transporting or dealing in junk, 
old metals or second-hand articles; and may prescribe the 
design of such badge.

Section 3. The Selectmen may require that any place, 
vehicle or receptacle used for the collecting or keeping of the 
articles aforesaid, may be examined at all times by the 
Selectmen or by any person by them authorized to make such 
examination.

Section 4. No person licensed as a junk collector shall, 
directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of 
barter or exchange any of the articles aforesaid, except rags 
or bottles, of a minor or apprentice, knowing or having 
reason to believe him to be such.
Section 5. All licenses granted under the provisions of this article shall expire on April 30th of each year and may be revoked by the Selectmen at their pleasure.

Section 6. Whoever, not being licensed as a junk collector, collects junk in violation of the provisions of Section 1 of this article, shall forfeit Twenty Dollars; whoever, being licensed, violates any of the provisions of this article, or any rule, regulation or restriction contained in his license, or any requirement of the Board of Selectmen made in accordance with the provisions of this article, shall forfeit not more than Twenty Dollars for each offence.

Section 7. Every license issued under the provisions of this article shall bear a copy of the provisions of this article, and of all requirements of the Selectmen made in accordance herewith.

ARTICLE XXI.

PAWN-BROKERS.

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen may license suitable persons to carry on the business of pawn-brokers, subject to the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth, and may revoke such licenses at pleasure.

ARTICLE XXII.

HAWKERS AND PEDLERS.

Section 1. No person, except one engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, shall go about from place to place within this town, carrying or exposing for sale, or selling fruits or vege-
tables in or from any cart, wagon or other vehicle, or in any other manner, without a license therefor from the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen shall have authority to grant such license to any person of good repute for morals and integrity who is, or has declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States. Said licenses, unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen, shall expire on the thirtieth day of April next after the granting thereof, and each person so licensed shall pay therefor a fee of ten dollars.

Section 3. No hawker or pedler shall sell, or offer or expose for sale, any of the articles enumerated in Section 15 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Laws, or in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, until he has recorded his name and residence with the Board of Health, or such other board or officer as may be designated by the Selectmen. Every person licensed under the provisions of the preceding section as a hawker or pedler of fruits and vegetables shall record his name and residence in like manner with such board or officer.

Section 4. No person hawking, peddling, or carrying or exposing for sale any of the articles enumerated in Chapter 345, Acts of 1906, shall cry his wares to the disturbance of the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the town, nor otherwise than in vehicles and receptacles which are neat and clean and do not leak.

Section 5. Every hawker and pedler licensed by the Board of Selectmen shall be assigned a number and shall be provided by the Board of Selectmen with a badge which shall be conspicuously worn by him; and every other such hawker and pedler as described in section three shall provide himself with a badge, of such type and design as may be approved by said Board of Selectmen, which he shall wear in like manner. Whoever neglects to wear, or wears such
badge without authority, shall be punished by the penalty provided in section eleven of this by-law.

Section 6. Every vehicle or other receptacle used by a licensee as a conveyance for articles offered or exposed for sale by him shall have attached thereto on each side a number plate, to be furnished by the town with his license, bearing the number and date of expiration of such license.

Section 7. No person shall be registered or assigned a badge or number under the provisions of sections three and five of these by-laws until he presents a certificate from the Sealer of Weights and Measures stating that all weighing and measuring devices intended to be used by such person have been duly inspected and sealed as required by law. The use of, or possession by such person with intent to use, any false or unsealed weighing or measuring devices shall be sufficient cause for the revocation of his license, or the cancellation of his registration.

Section 8. An licensee who fails, neglects or refuses to exhibit his license when the same is demanded of him by a selectman, commissioner or inspector, or sealer of weights and measures, town treasurer or clerk, constable, police officer or justice of the peace, shall be subject to the same penalty as if he had no license.

Section 9. Nothing in this article shall be construed as conflicting with any license issued under the authority of the Commonwealth.

Section 10. Any license granted under this article, or any by-law amendatory or additional thereto, may be revoked by the board granting the same.

Section 11. Whoever violates any provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.
ARTICLE XXIII.

PARADES AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS.

Section 1. No person shall form or conduct any parade in any street, sidewalk or public way within the town, or form or conduct for the purpose of display or demonstration, any procession or assembly of people, except a military or funeral parade or procession, within such street, sidewalk or way, without first obtaining a written permit from the Chief of Police; and no person shall take part in any such parade, procession or assembly which is not authorized by such a permit.

Section 2. No person shall give any public address, speech or harangue in any street, public square or public park within the town, without a written permit from the Chief of Police.

Section 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine of not more than Twenty Dollars.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PENALTY.

Section 1. Whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, shall be punished with a fine of not more than Twenty Dollars.
ARTICLE XXV.

REPEAL.

Section 1. All by-laws or parts of by-laws heretofore adopted which are inconsistent with the provisions of the foregoing by-laws, are hereby repealed and annulled; but the provisions of the foregoing by-laws so far as they are the same as the provisions of by-laws heretofore adopted, shall be construed as a continuation thereof and not as new enactments.

Section 2. The repeal of a by-law heretofore adopted shall not affect any act done, ratified or confirmed, or any right accrued or established, nor any action, suit or proceeding commenced or had, nor affect any punishment, penalty or forfeiture incurred under such by-law.
ARTICLE 1.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS.

Sec. 1. The Board of Selectmen shall annually in April appoint an Inspector of Buildings to hold such office for one year from May 1st, following, or until his successor is appointed.

Sec. 2. He shall not inspect his own work nor any building in which he has any pecuniary interest in furnishing labor, materials, plans or specifications.

In case he should be so interested, the Selectmen shall appoint a Deputy Inspector to act in such matters in place of the Inspector and such services shall be paid by the Inspector.

Sec. 3. The Inspector's salary shall be fixed by the Selectmen.
ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF THE INSPECTOR.

Sec. 1. The Inspector shall keep a complete record of the business of the Department, which shall be open to the inspection of the Selectmen or to any citizen; he shall furnish the Selectmen a yearly report of such business including any violations of Building By-Laws and such other reports as they may request; he shall receive applications and issue permits for the erection or alteration of buildings or structures as hereinafter provided, and shall keep a detailed record thereof.

Sec. 2. He shall as often as practicable inspect all buildings in course of erection, alteration or repair, and in case of violation of these Building Laws, shall take such measures for securing the compliance therewith as may be necessary.

Sec. 3. He shall also perform all duties incumbent upon him under provisions of Section 1, and Sections 4 to 10, inclusive, of Chapter 104 of the Revised Laws and all laws in addition thereto or amendment thereof.

Sec. 4. He shall examine every building or other structure, which he has reasons to believe are unsafe or dangerous, and if he finds them unsafe or dangerous, shall forthwith in writing, notify the owner, agent, or any person having an interest therein to remove, make safe or secure the same, and shall submit a report thereof to the Selectmen.

Sec. 5. No building hereafter erected, altered, or repaired, shall be lathed, plastered or sheathed until the owner or builder, if required by the Inspector, shall have notified him to inspect the same. Such inspection shall be made within twenty-four hours after notice thereof to the Inspector from the owner or builder.
Sec. 6. The Inspector so far as may be necessary for the performance of his duties, shall have the right to enter any building or premises, to examine and inspect any buildings in process of construction, and to direct the suspension of any such building operations as shall not conform to the terms of these By-Laws; and no person shall continue any building operations of any kind after such Inspector shall in writing direct the suspension thereof for such reasons.

ARTICLE III.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Sec. 1. No building shall be erected, and no building or the foundation thereof already or hereafter to be built, shall be raised, moved or altered by any person, except one story wooden buildings less than ten feet square, and necessary repairs not affecting foundations, external, partition or party walls, chimneys or stairways, unless a permit therefor has been first granted by the Inspector to such person, who shall file an application for such permit with the Inspector on forms furnished by him, giving a description of the building or the alterations or repairs proposed, and shall also submit plans and specifications of such work or buildings for examination, approval and filing when called for by the Inspector. The Inspector may also require in his discretion a plan of the lot on which the proposed building is to be erected to be filed with such application.

If the Inspector is of the opinion that all the requirements of these Building Laws, and the Statutes have been complied with, he shall thereupon issue such permit to the applicant.

Sec. 2. No permit issued by the Inspector shall be in
force for more than ninety days unless the work proposed shall have been actually commenced and carried on in good faith within that time.

ARTICLE IV.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR BUILDINGS.

Sec. 1. All buildings or parts of buildings hereafter erected and not hereinafter specifically described shall be of sound material abundantly strong for the purpose intended, and the size of the materials used therein shall be such as has been determined by the best authorities and demonstrated to be of suitable kind and strength for the use intended and shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector.

ARTICLE V.

HEIGHT AND SPACING OF WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Sec. 1. No wooden building shall hereafter be erected or altered in such manner that the height of said building shall exceed forty-five feet above the street level, or be more than three stories in height above the basement, and no external wall of any frame building shall be less than seven and one-half feet from the line of any adjoining lot, nor less than fifteen feet from any frame building unless the side wall of such adjoining building is constructed of fire proof material approved by the Building Inspector.
ARTICLE VI.

PARTITION WALLS.

Sec. 1. Unless permission is otherwise granted by the Board of Selectmen, after a public hearing by said Board, of which notice thereof shall be given at least seven days prior thereto by publishing the same in a local newspaper, no building shall hereafter be erected and no existing building shall be altered, changed over or added thereto, thereby giving such building a frontage exceeding sixty feet, without one or more partition walls of brick or some fire resisting material, running lengthwise of the building, extending from the bottom of the cellar or from a foundation wall through the roof to a height satisfactory to the Inspector.

But this section shall not apply to buildings used or intended to be used as churches, school-houses, hotels, theatres. manufactories or halls for public assemblies, nor single dwelling houses intended for one family.

PARTITION WALLS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

Sec. 2. All buildings hereafter erected to be used as tenement houses, in excess of thirty feet in width, shall have brick partition walls on which floor beams shall rest, not less than twelve inches thick for their entire height, and extending to the under side of the roof-boarding which shall lay and be embedded in mortar upon said wall. Said walls shall not be more than twenty-five feet apart.

All double houses shall have a fireproof partition wall between the tenements, consisting either of a brick wall, not less than twelve inches thick, extending from the cellar bottom to the underside of the roof-boarding or of a brick wall, not less than twelve inches thick, extending from the cellar bottom to the top side of the first floor timbers and
above that to the underside of the roof-boarding, of two by five inch studding, with the spaces between filled solid with bricks and mortar not less than four inches thick, to make a smoke-tight barrier between the tenements.

ARTICLE VII.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BRICK, STONE OR CONCRETE BUILDINGS.

FOUNDATIONS AND STRUCTURAL CONCRETE.

Sec. 1. Foundations shall be of brick, stone, concrete or of such durable material as the Inspector may approve.

The composition and preparation of concrete or other durable material for foundation and structural use shall be such as the Inspector may approve.

BEARINGS AND FOUNDATIONS.

Sec. 2. The foundations of buildings constructed of brick, stone, concrete or other incombustible material must rest upon solid ground, rock, concrete, or such other durable sub-structure as the Inspector may approve.

The excavations for such foundations shall be six inches at least beyond the outside of the foundation walls and shall not be back filled until inspected.

Such foundations must not be less than four feet below the adjacent surface of the ground exposed to the frost.

The foundations of piazzas, porches, and bay-windows shall be of stone, brick, iron or concrete, of suitable size, built on solid bottom not less than four feet below and not extending less than three inches above the finished grade, and no woodwork shall come below that grade.
FOUNDATIONS AND FOOTING COURSES.

Sec. 3. All stone foundations twenty-four inches or less in thickness, shall have at least one header extending through the wall in every three feet in height from the bottom of the wall, and in every three feet in length. The stones shall be well laid in solid mortar, well bonded and all spaces and joints thoroughly filled.

The stones in foundation wall of all classes of buildings shall be of approved quality, size and shape and so laid that the walls are well bonded together. Concrete foundations shall have a foot course of stone or suitable concrete not less than eight inches wider than foundation walls resting upon said footing courses.

Brick foundation and partition walls shall have footing courses at least eight inches wider than said wall and at least eight inches high, and laid in such mortar or cement as the Inspector may decide.

TABLES FOR THICKNESS OF FOUNDATION WALLS.

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CONSTRUCTION OF BRICK AND CONCRETE WALLS.

Sec. 5. All brick walls shall be built with proper bond, satisfactory to the Inspector. All intersections of walls shall be tied together with wrought iron straps as often as every eight feet in height. Floor beams shall be anchored to brick and concrete walls on which they rest and to each other so as to form continuous ties across the building, and at least every ten feet.

EXTERNAL WALLS OF BRICK AND CONCRETE DWELLING HOUSES.

Sec. 6. External walls of brick and concrete dwelling houses, if not more than twelve feet in height, above the foundation walls, shall be not less than eight inches thick for their entire height; if two stories and not more than twenty-five feet in height, they shall be not less than twelve inches thick to the top of the second floor, and not less than eight inches thick for the remaining height; and if three stories and more than twenty-five feet in height, they shall be not less than twelve inches thick to the top of the third floor, and not less than eight inches thick for the remaining height.
EXTERNAL WALLS OF BRICK OR CONCRETE BUILDINGS OTHER THAN DWELLING HOUSES. "MILL CONSTRUCTION."

Sec. 7. The external walls of all brick or concrete buildings, other than dwelling houses, if not more than forty feet in height above the foundation walls, shall be not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the lower floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height; and if more than forty feet in height and not exceeding sixty feet in height, they shall be not less than twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor, sixteen inches to top of third floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height. Provided, however, that with the approval of the Inspector, the method known as "Mill Construction" may be used whereby the external walls are constructed of a series of piers, of such width as the Inspector may approve, and of the thickness above prescribed for external walls. Said piers to be connected by curtain walls. Said curtain walls shall be well bonded to the piers, and not less than eight inches thick, in which all windows, or other openings must be made. All floors must be supported on the piers and no portion of a floor shall for any reason be supported on the curtain walls.

The external walls of brick or concrete buildings, not exceeding twenty-five feet in height and covering an area not exceeding two thousand square feet to be used for stables or light mechanical purposes, may be twelve inches thick.

PARTY AND PARTITION WALLS IN BRICK OR CONCRETE BUILDINGS OTHER THAN DWELLING HOUSES.

Sec. 8. Party walls and all partition walls of brick or concrete, on all buildings other than dwelling houses, with external walls not exceeding thirty feet in height, shall not be less than twelve inches for party and bearing walls and
not less than eight inches for partition and non-bearing walls; with external walls not exceeding forty feet in height, shall be not less than sixteen inches thick to the top of the second floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height, and, in buildings having external walls exceeding forty feet in height, said walls shall be not less than twenty inches thick to the top of the second floor; not less than sixteen inches to the top of the third floor, and not less than twelve inches thick for the remaining height.

OPENINGS FOR DOORWAYS AND PARTITION WALLS.

Sec. 9. No opening or doorway shall be cut through or formed in a party or partition wall of any building without a permit from the Inspector of Buildings, and every such doorway shall have its top, bottom and sides of stone, brick, concrete or iron, and shall be closed by two doors or sets of doors of wood, covered with metal, with an air space between them of at least four inches, and said doors shall be hung to slide or swing in wooden frames entirely covered with metal, or to iron hinges or track in brick or stone rabbets.

ANCHORS AND TIES.

Sec. 10. The ends of all girders or partition plates resting on, or abutting any wall, shall be anchored to it, and plates of all roofs, shall be bolted to walls at least every ten feet, bolts to be built into the walls.

TIMBERS SPLA\nd.

Sec. 11. The ends of all floor beams and rafters, of a brick building entering a wall shall be cut on a splay of three inches in their height and no floor beams resting upon the same wall on opposite sides shall have less than four inches of brick work between the ends of such beams.
BRICK.

Sec. 12. No soft brick shall be used in the construction of any of the walls or piers of any buildings, and no old brick shall be used unless thoroughly cleaned, and approved by the Inspector.

All bricks and cement blocks laid in warm weather shall be well wet before laying.

ARTICLE VIII.

SUPPORT FOR BRICK, STONE OR CONCRETE BUILDINGS.

Sec. 1. Supports of buildings other than the foundations shall be of iron, concrete, brick or of such other durable material as the Inspector may approve.

PILLARS, PIERS, ETC.

Sec. 2. Brick piers shall be built of good well burnt hard brick, laid in cement and sand mortar and well wet when laid in warm weather. Every pier, column, pillar or post resting on the earth, shall have a base course of stone or concrete and if supporting walls of masonry shall have for a footing course a broad leveller of granite or ledge stone, not less than twelve inches wider than the bottom area of said piers, columns, pillars, or posts, and not less than twelve inches thick.

COLUMNS.

Sec. 3. Every metal column shall rest on a square iron plate not less than two inches thick, with lugs or a socket cast on it to hold the end of the column in place, and unless
the columns are cast with a large flat topped head, shall have a similar plate on top, on which the beam or girder which it is to support shall rest. The sides of the bottom plate to be at least two and one-half times the diameter of the column, and the sides of the top plate or cast cap to be at least equal to the width of the beam or girder which it is to support. Wooden columns supporting girders and floors in such buildings shall rest on, and be capped by, one and one-half inch iron plates with lugs or sockets to receive the ends of the columns. Metal columns placed one on top of another shall have a plate between them with lugs or sockets on both sides to fit into top and base of columns to prevent slipping, and all such columns shall have holes bored when and where directed by the Inspector, into and through the shell at right angles to the shaft so as to show the thickness of the shell.

Sec. 4. Unless herein otherwise provided, the supports for buildings of brick, stone, or concrete, shall be of such size, bond, quality, and be provided with such caps and bases placed as the Inspector deems circumstances require.

ARTICLE IX.

CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDINGS.

Sec. 1. Hollow concrete building blocks may be used for buildings four stories or less in height where said use is approved by the Inspector. But hollow blocks shall not be used in party walls, which must be built solid.

Sec. 2. The thickness of walls for any buildings where hollow concrete blocks are used, shall not be less than is required by these By-Laws for brick walls.

All hollow concrete building blocks before being used in the construction of any building or part thereof, shall have attained the age of at least three weeks and shall be properly
cured by being kept moist and shaded from the sun's rays during that time.

Sec. 3. Wherever girders or joists rest upon walls so that there is a concentrated load on the block of over two tons the block supporting the girder or joist shall be made solid; wherever such concentrated load exceeds five tons the blocks for at least two courses below and for a distance extending at least eighteen inches each side of said girder shall be made solid. Wherever walls are decreased in thickness the top course of the thicker wall shall be made solid.

Concrete lintels and sills shall be re-enforced by iron or steel rods in a manner satisfactory to the Inspector and any lintel spanning over four feet six inches in the clear, shall rest on solid concrete blocks.

ARTICLE X.

MORTAR AND CEMENT BLOCKS.

Sec. 1. Mortar shall not poorer than the following, unless by special permission of the Inspector:

Cement mortar: 1 Portland cement, 3 sand, or 1 natural cement, 2 sand. Lime and cement mortar: 1 Portland cement, 1 lime, 6 sand, or 1 natural cement, 1 lime, 4 sand.

All mortars shall be made of clean, sharp sand, and fresh cement or lime.

Sec. 2. No cement blocks shall be used in the construction in part or whole of any buildings in the Town of Bridgewater until the same have been inspected and approved by the Inspector of Buildings.

The Inspector of Buildings may require the Manufacturer of concrete blocks to make such test at his own expense, of the cement used in making the blocks, or such further test of the completed blocks, as he deems necessary.
ARTICLE XI.

REQUIREMENTS FOR WOODED BUILDINGS.

FOUNDATIONS.

Sec. 1. Foundations of wooden buildings shall rest upon solid ground, or suitably driven piles; foundations if of stone shall be not less than eighteen inches thick at the bottom, and twelve inches thick at the top, and under buildings more than two stories high shall be not less than twenty-two inches thick at bottom, and eighteen inches thick at top, and shall be laid in mortar no poorer than one part Portland cement, one part lime, and six parts sand. But such foundations may be built of stone laid dry, providing that the thickness of the wall, size and quality of the stone to be used, is approved by the Inspector.

Sec. 2. Foundations of brick or concrete shall not be less than twelve inches thick, with footing eight inches wider than the wall.

Sec. 3. All foundations shall be thoroughly bonded, by headers extending through the wall every three feet in height from the bottom of the wall, and every three feet in length of wall. Foundation walls shall not be laid on frozen ground.

UNDERPINNING.

Sec. 4. All brick underpinning averaging over four feet high, shall be not less than eight inches thick, and when under buildings three stories high, shall in all cases be not less than twelve inches thick.

Underpinning more than eight feet high, or intended to carry an extra load, shall be strengthened by such piers as the Inspector may direct.

Sec. 5. Concrete underpinning shall be of the same
thickness as prescribed for brick underpinning and stone underpinning; shall not be less than sixteen inches thick.

**Supports.**

Sec. 6. Dwellings that do not rest on masonry walls shall be supported on suitable piles or piers of approved brick, stone or concrete. The size of all piers shall be such as are approved by the Inspector and the foundations thereof shall be at least four feet below the surface of the ground and be laid solidly in cement mortar.

Sec. 7. Buildings other than dwellings, not resting on foundation walls or piles, and to be used for work shops or other like purpose, or as a temporary structure, may rest on such foundations as the Inspector may approve.

**Columns and Piers.**

Sec. 8. All buildings shall be supported in cellars and basements by masonry walls, columns, brick or concrete piers, the same to rest on proper footings. Wood columns if used shall be of such size and kind and with plate and footing therefor of such size and thickness as the Inspector may approve. Brick piers under main girders, shall be not less than eight by twelve inches and all piers more than seven feet high shall be not less than twelve inches square.

**Supports for Porches, Piazzas, Bay-windows, Etc.**

Sec. 9. Porches, piazzas, and bay-windows, shall be supported by masonry foundations or piers of stone, brick, concrete or other durable material, with foundations therefor built to a depth of not less than four feet below the surface of the ground. Brick or concrete piers, with suitable foundations and not less than twelve inches square, may be used for supports of projections of wooden buildings.
PLATES AND CAPS FOR METAL AND WOODEN COLUMNS.

Sec. 10. Metal columns shall have iron foot plates and caps of size and thickness satisfactory to the Inspector and with lugs or sockets cast on them to hold the ends of the column in place. Where wooden columns or posts are used, plates and caps shall be put in satisfactory to the Inspector.

ARTICLE XII.

FRAMING REQUIREMENTS.

WOODEN BUILDINGS LESS THAN THREE STORIES HIGH.

Sec. 1. All wooden or frame buildings exceeding fifteen feet high, and to be less than three stories in height, shall be built with sills, posts, girts, and plates, and rafters of sufficient size to carry the weight of the superstructure and be mortised, tenoned, braced, pinned or spiked together. If the posts exceed twenty-two feet in length, the sills shall be not less than four by six inches, laid flatways and the posts and girts not less than four by six inches; if the posts are twenty-two feet or less in length the sills shall be not less than four by six inches and the post and girts not less than four by six inches; the studding outside walls shall be not less than two by four inches, sixteen inches on centres; the studding in all partitions carrying floor timbers shall not be less than two by four inches set not more than sixteen inches on the centers and resting on girders not less than six by eight inches. All window studding, except in buildings less than two stories high, is to be not less than three by four inches, ledger boards may be used in place of girts in one and a half story houses or in dwellings where the attic floor is below the plates, if the spaces back of ledger boards between studding shall be filled with joists of same size as wall studs cut in
tight so as to prevent a draught in case of fire. All self supporting walls or partitions above the first floor in any building shall be trussed in a manner approved by the Inspector.

WOODEN BUILDINGS MORE THAN THREE STORIES HIGH.

Sec. 2. In all wooden frame buildings three stories and more in height, the sills, posts, girts, plates, and rafters shall be of sufficient size, kind and quality to carry the weight of the superstructure, be well mortised, tenoned, braced and pinned or spiked together and be approved by the Inspector.

SMALL WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Sec. 3. All frame or wooden buildings not exceeding a height of fifteen feet, shall be built in a manner satisfactory to the Inspector.

QUALITY OF TIMBERS.

Sec. 4. All timbers used in framing any building shall be of good sound material, free from rot, large and loose knots, shakes or imperfection whereby the strength of the building may be impaired.

FLOOR TIMBERS. IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Sec. 5. Floor timbers in dwelling houses, when of good sound spruce set sixteen inches on centres, shall be of the following sizes: for a span not exceeding ten feet, the timbers shall not be less than two by six inches; for a span not exceeding twelve feet the timbers shall not be less than two by seven inches; for a span not exceeding fourteen feet the timbers shall be not less than two by eight inches; for a span not exceeding sixteen feet the timbers shall be not less than two by nine inches; for a span not exceeding eighteen feet the timbers shall be not less than two by ten inches; for a span not exceeding twenty feet the timbers shall be not less than two by fourteen inches; for a span not exceeding
twenty-two feet the timbers shall be not less than three by fourteen inches; for a span not exceeding twenty-four feet the timbers shall be not less than three by sixteen inches in size, or of size giving their equivalent in strength.

IN BUILDINGS OTHER THAN DWELLINGS.

Sec. 6. If such floor timbers are of other material than spruce or hard pine, or if they are to be used in floors intended for other purposes than those of dwellings, said timbers shall be of a size which shall give an equivalent in strength to spruce or hard pine to be determined by the Inspector.

GIRDERS.

Sec. 7. There shall be girders not less than six by eight inches under main partitions or floor timbers doubled, or their equivalent, under all cross-partitions in the first floor of all dwellings. Headers and trimmers of all openings more than four feet square in first floor of dwellings shall be floor joists doubled, or their equivalent, and in any floor that may be deemed necessary by the Inspector. Beams carrying main or cross partitions in first floor shall be supported on piers or iron posts not more than eight feet apart; trimmers in first floor over twelve feet in length shall be supported by a pier or post.

Sec. 8. All floor timbers shall be bridged with bridging stock not less than one by two inches and such bridging shall not be more than six feet on centers.

Sec. 9. All cutting of floor timbers for the passage of pipes shall be on their upper edges, and no cut shall exceed two inches in depth, or be made more than three feet from the point of support of the timber unless the consent of the Inspector has been first obtained. No cutting in the under side of a floor timber will be allowed except by permission of the Inspector.
ROOF TIMBERS.

Sec. 10. In buildings which are eighteen feet or more in width rafters for pitched roofs shall measure not less than two by six inches, and larger where deemed necessary by the Inspector, and spaced not more than twenty-one inches on centres; in buildings which are less than eighteen feet in width the size of rafters may be determined by the Inspector. Valley rafters may be of such sizes as the Inspector shall prescribe, having due regard to the length and the area of the roof to be supported, but in no case shall be less than two by eight inches; all timbers herein mentioned to be solid sticks or built up to two-inch stock thoroughly spiked together.

Flat roofs shall be timbered the same as floors.

FLOOR LOADS.

Sec. 11. All new or renewed floors and stairs shall be so constructed as to carry safely the weight to which the proposed use of the building may subject them, and every permit granted shall state for what purpose the building is designed to be used; but the least capacity per superficial square foot, exclusive of materials, shall be:

For floors of houses for habitation, sixty pounds.

For office floors and public rooms of hotels exceeding five hundred square feet, one hundred pounds.

For floors of retail stores and public buildings, except school-houses, one hundred pounds.

For floors of school-houses, other than floors of assembly rooms, sixty pounds, and for floors of assembly rooms, one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

For floors of drill rooms, dance halls and riding schools, two hundred pounds.
For floors of warehouses and mercantile buildings, at least two hundred pounds.

For flat roofs, forty pounds.

For stairs, landings, platforms and fire escapes, seventy pounds.

The loads not included in this classification shall be determined by the Inspector.

The full floor load specified in this section shall be included in proportioning all parts of buildings designed for warehouses, or for heavy mercantile and manufacturing purposes. In other buildings, however, reductions may be allowed as follows: for girders carrying more than one hundred square feet of floor, the live load may be reduced ten per cent. For columns, piers, walls and other parts carrying two floors, a reduction of fifteen per cent. of the total live load may be made. Where three floors are carried, the total live load may be reduced by twenty per cent.; four floors, twenty-five per cent.; five floors, thirty per cent.; six floors, thirty-five per cent.

**FLOOR LOADS OF EXISTING BUILDINGS.**

Sec. 12. The Inspector may prescribe the maximum loads which may be imposed upon the floors of the existing buildings.

**ARTICLE XIII.**

**CHIMNEYS, SMOKE PIPES AND FIRE PLACES FOR ALL BUILDINGS.**

**CHIMNEYS.**

Sec. 1. All chimneys hereafter erected shall be built from the ground of brick, stone or other fire-proof non-heat-
conducting materials, and shall be built plumb or nearly so, so as to be self-sustaining; provided, however, that brick flues may be securely built into brick work of the walls of the building, to which they are hung, when the walls are not less than twelve inches thick; and provided, also, that, upon permission, first obtained from the Inspector, other forms of support may be used with such special safeguard as he may require, and provided also, that the matter of construction of chimneys in small wooden buildings, other than dwelling houses, not more than one story and one-half in height shall be left to the decision of the Inspector of Buildings, but must be constructed in accordance with his instructions and to his satisfaction.

MATERIALS, TOPPING OUT, CAP, HEIGHT.

Sec. 2. All brick chimneys shall be built of hard burned brick and with joints close as possible, well filled with mortar, and plastered outside below the roofing after having been examined and approved by the Inspector of Buildings. Exposed portions of said chimneys may be left unplastered upon the outside. Said chimneys shall be topped out with brick, concrete or stone laid in cement mortar and the head of the chimney shall not have more than two inches projection, unless capped with iron, stone or concrete or other non-combustible material, approved by the Inspector.

In no case shall a nail be driven into the masonry of any flue.

All chimneys with exterior walls less than eight inches thick shall be lined with fire clay flue lining.

All chimneys shall be carried at least four feet above roof at the highest point of contact therewith, unless the Inspector otherwise directs.
FIRE STOPS. THIMBLES. CORBELL.

Where chimneys pass through floors suitable fire-stops shall be put in to prevent draughts through openings around chimneys on each floor. In no case shall any corbell be built out of any chimney for woodwork or timber to rest upon.

Sheet or cast iron chimney thimbles shall be built clear through walls into flues.

At the time chimney is built, brick around thimbles must be laid out solid to the face of partition studs. Chimney walls shall not be broken through to receive thimbles except under the direction of the Inspector.

SMOKE PIPES.

Sec. 3. No smoke pipe in any building with wooden or combustible floors or ceilings shall hereafter enter any flue except at a distance not less than twelve inches from said floor or ceiling; and in all cases where smoke pipes pass through stud or wooden partitions of any kind, whether the same be plastered or not, they shall be guarded by a fire-proof ring to be approved by the Inspector, and extending through said partition, and in cases where smoke pipes pass through woodwork of any kind in such near proximity to the brick work of the flue that the space between said woodwork and flue is inaccessible, said pipe shall be guarded by a fire-proof ring or thimble, or its equivalent to be approved by the Inspector, and extending from the outer face of said woodwork to a point at least two inches within the brickwork of the flue, in which it shall be firmly set.

No drain pipe or earthenware pipe of any kind shall be used for smoke pipes unless by special permission of the Inspector.

Supports for Hearths.

Sec. 4. All hearths shall be supported upon trimmer
arches of brick, or stone, or upon bars of iron supporting a bed of brickwork and shall be at least twelve inches longer than the width of the fireplace openings and at least eighteen inches wide in front of the chimney breast. Wooden centering supporting a trimmer arch shall be removed before plastering.

Sec. 5. Brickwork of all grates, fireplaces and ranges shall be not less than eight inches thick, and when it adjoins a wooden or stud partition shall have at least two-inch air space between.

No woodwork shall be secured to the brickwork of any flue.

Open fireplaces shall have fire-proof foundations.

The brickwork over all fireplace and grate openings shall be supported on stone, concrete or brick arches or suitable iron bars. In all cases the protection against fire shall be satisfactory to the Inspector.

ARTICLE XIV.

FURNACES—HOT AIR PIPES, REGISTER BOXES, ETC.

Sec. 1. No furnace or range set in masonry shall hereafter be placed, or its location changed in any building, without a permit from the Inspector of Buildings who shall prescribe such regulations for the setting or placing thereof as in his judgment the public safety may require.

Sec. 2. The top of every heating furnace or steam boiler shall be kept at such distance below the the lowest part of the ceiling or floor next above it as the Inspector shall decide. Such a protective covering shall be placed on such ceiling or floor as the Inspector may require.
Sec. 3. All register boxes shall be set in such suitable borders as the Inspector may require and said boxes back of such border shall be surrounded by an open space of not less than one inch in all directions and when required by the Inspector the timbers and flooring surrounding the boxes shall be protected by sheet metal as he may direct.

ARTICLE XV.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE-STOPPING.

ELEVATOR WELLS AND LIGHT SHAFT FIRE-STOPPING.

Sec. 1. Unless the Inspector otherwise directs, all elevator wells and light-shafts, unless built of brick, must be filled in flush between the wooden studs with fire-proof materials or lined with metal or plastered on metal lathing, as may be directed by him, and all woodwork inside of such wells or shafts shall be lined with tin plate lock-jointed.

FLOOR FIRE-STOPPING.

Sec. 2. Where floor beams rest on partition caps or on girders, wall girts or wooden sills, fill in between such beams from the caps, girders, girts or sills to the lining floor above with two-inch plank full width of the floor joists, tightly fitted and well nailed.

Sec. 3. When floor beams in frame buildings rest on ledger boards, fire-stops of two-inch plank shall be put in above and below each floor timber the full width of the wall studding.

FURRING FIRE-STOPPING.

Sec. 4. In brick buildings the space between the furring on the outside walls or brick partitions shall be filled flush with mortar for a space of eight inches in width above and below the floor beams of each story.
STAIR FIRE-STOPPING.

Sec. 5. Where basement or other flights of stairs are enclosed by partitions of brick or wood, the spaces between the studs or wall furrings must be suitably fire-stopped so as to effectually prevent any smoke or fire from passing up between such studs or furring back of the stair stringers.

Sec. 6. All flights of stairs between two floors must have two smoke-stops built between the stringers and properly constructed.

Sec. 7. No pipe for conveying hot air or steam must be placed nearer than one inch to any woodwork unless protected to the satisfaction of the Inspector by suitable guards or casings of incombustible material.

HEAT AND AIR DUCTS.

Sec. 8. No wooden flue or air duct of any description can be used for heating and ventilating purposes unless by permission first obtained from the Inspector.

CHIMNEY FIRE-STOPPING.

Sec. 9. A space of at least one inch shall be left between all wood-work and the chimneys, with the exception of floor timbers which shall not be less than two inches from chimney and also around all hot-air, steam and hot water pipes; these spaces around chimneys and pipes where they pass through the floors to be stopped with metal or other fire-proof material, smoke tight. Steam and hot water pipes are to have metal sleeves and collars.

FIRE-STOPPING FOR CHANNELS, GAS, ETC., PIPES AND VENTILATING DUCTS.

Sec. 10. All channels and pockets for gas, water and soil pipes, and space between furrings and stair openings
shall be provided with sufficient fire-stop so as to be smoke tight and to prevent the rapid run of fire.

Sec. 11. The space around all metal or brick ventilating ducts must be fire-stopped at each floor with metal or other fire-proof material as approved by the Inspector.

ASH DEPOSITORIES.

Sec. 12. Ash depositories or ash chutes for ashes in the interior of any building shall be of non-combustible material.

ARTICLE XVI.

STAIRWAYS TO TENEMENT AND LODGING HOUSES.

Sec. 1. Where a building is occupied above the first floor for tenements, or a lodging house and the lower story is occupied for stores, or other purposes not connected with the upper floors, the stairways leading to such upper floors must be enclosed with brick walls or with wooden partitions filled solid with brick laid in mortar or other fireproof material and plastered on both sides on metallic lathing, and all doors in such partitions covered with tin plate, lock-jointed.

Sec. 2. In all tenement, lodging or apartment houses exceeding two stories in height above basement, there shall be at least two independent and sufficient ways of egress, accessible on each floor from each suite of apartments. Such ways of egress shall consist of flights of stairs extending from the lowest to the highest floor and not more than one flight of stairs shall be placed in the same hallway. Every such way of egress from such buildings shall be kept in good repair, and unobstructed. At least one flight of stairs shall have a guide or hand rail extending from the entrance floor to the top floor, unless otherwise decided by the Inspector.
OUTSIDE FIRE ESCAPES.

In all buildings used for tenement houses, schools or public performances three stories or more in height, there shall be provided an outside fire escape of iron or steel of such construction as shall be satisfactory to the Building Inspector.

ARTICLE XVII.

UNSAFE CHIMNEYS AND HEATING APPARATUS.

Sec. 1. If any chimney flue or heating apparatus shall in the opinion of the Inspector be unsafe by reason of endangering the premises by fire or otherwise he shall notify in writing the owner, agent or any person having an interest therein and require him to remove the same or make it safe, and such owner, agent or person, shall at once put such chimney, flue, or heating apparatus in a safe condition satisfactory to the Inspector.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Sec. 1. No part of any roof shall be constructed in such a manner as to discharge snow, ice or other material upon a public street or alley.

Sec. 2. Any requirements necessary for the strength and stability of any proposed structure or for the safety of the occupants thereof, not specifically covered in these By-Laws, shall be determined by the Inspector.
ARTICLE XIX.
DEFINITIONS.

Sec. 1. In these By-Laws the following terms shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them: —

"Alteration" means any change or addition.

"Cellar" means a basement or lower story, of which one-half or more of the height of the floor to the ceiling is below the level of the land adjoining.

"Foundation" means that portion of a wall below the level of the street curb, and where the wall is not on a street, that portion of the wall below the level of the highest ground next to the wall; but if under party or partition walls, may be construed by the Inspector to mean that portion below the cellar floor.

"Chimney" shall apply to any permanent or fixed flues or passages built into any building for conveying away the products of combustion from furnaces, stoves, boilers, ranges or fire-places.

"Inspector" means the Inspector of Buildings of the Town of Bridgewater.

"Party wall" means every wall used, or built in order to be used as a separation of two or more buildings.

"Partition wall" means any interior wall of masonry in a building.

"External wall" means every outer wall or vertical enclosure of a building other than a party wall.

"Repairs" means the reconstruction or renewal of any existing part of a building or of its fixtures or appurtenances by which the strength or the fire risk is not affected or modified, and not made in the opinion of the Inspector for
the purpose of converting the building in whole or in part to a new use.

"Tenement house" means a building, which, or any portion of which, is occupied or intended to be occupied as a dwelling by more than two families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises.

"Thickness" of a wall means the minimum of thickness of such wall.

"Persons" shall mean individuals, co-partnerships or corporations.

ARTICLE XX.

FIRE DISTRICT.

Sec. 1. For the purpose of securing the prevention of fire in this Town, a fire district is hereby established, measuring from the center of cross-walk at the intersection of Broad and Main streets, three hundred feet on Main street, three hundred feet on Broad street, three hundred feet on Summer street, and three hundred feet from the center of streets surrounding Common, that is South street, Bedford street and School street.

All buildings hereafter erected within said district shall be constructed as provided by these By-Laws with external, party and partition walls of brick, stone, iron, concrete, or other equally non-combustible materials and have slate, metal or other equally fire-resisting roof coverings, and metal gutters, unless permission is otherwise given by the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing, by said Board, of which notice thereof shall be given at least seven days prior thereto, by publishing the same in a local paper.
ARTICLE XXI.

STATE AND FEDERAL BUILDINGS, ETC.

Sec. 1. The provisions of these By-Laws shall not apply to buildings and structures owned or occupied by the United States or by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE XXII.

PENALTIES.

Sec. 1. Whoever violates any of the provisions of the foregoing Building By-Laws, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.