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OF THE

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OF THE

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1877, AND THE CURRENT YEAR ENDING MARCH 12, 1877;

TOGETHER WITH THE

Warrant for Town Meeting, Monday, March 12, 1877.

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1877.
## TREASURER’S REPORT.

Town of Waterville, in account with J. Percival, Treasurer:—

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<td>tax lists, including supplemental, 1876,</td>
<td>28,110 07</td>
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<td>cash from Selectmen, on account of highway, 1873,</td>
<td>4 90</td>
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<td>30 00</td>
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<td>cash from Selectmen, in settlement with West Waterville,</td>
<td>267 18</td>
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<td>cash from Liquor Agency,</td>
<td>232 95</td>
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<td>146 33</td>
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<td>991 81</td>
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<td>paid State tax in part, 1876,</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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To paid County tax in part, 1876, $1,000 00
paid Town orders, 42,959 96
uncollected taxes, 12,926 30

 Balance due, Feb. 20, 1877, $12,926.30.

Town of Waterville, in account with C. H. Redington, Treasurer, for year 1873:
Feb. 20th, 1876, amount brought forward from former settlement, $72 06
Dr. To paid order and cash to Treasurer Percival, $72 06

Town of Waterville, in account with Levi A. Dow, Treasurer, for the year 1874:
Feb. 20th, 1876, amount brought forward from former settlement, $146 33
Dr. To paid order and cash to Treasurer Percival, $146 33
REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Waterville beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 20, 1877:

**VALUATION AND TAX.**

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<td>Total valuation of real estate</td>
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<td>Total valuation of personal estate</td>
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<td><strong>Total valuation</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,479,207</strong></td>
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<td>At one per cent., pays</td>
<td>$24,792 07</td>
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<td>1,059 polls, at $3, pays</td>
<td>3,177 00</td>
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<td>141 dogs, at $1 per head tax, pay</td>
<td>141 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total tax</strong></td>
<td><strong>$28,110 07</strong></td>
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Town authorized Selectmen to raise by loan, 6,125 00

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<td>Money voted by town</td>
<td>$26,125 00</td>
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<td>State tax</td>
<td>5,004 36</td>
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<tr>
<td>County tax</td>
<td>2,565 06</td>
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<td>Overlayings</td>
<td>440 65</td>
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<td>Supplemental tax</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$34,235 07</strong></td>
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**APPROPRIATIONS.**

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<td>$3,000 00</td>
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<td>road repairs and snow bills</td>
<td>3,500 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>current expenses</td>
<td>3,000 00</td>
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<td>town debt and interest</td>
<td>3,500 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>night watch</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<td>new roads</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Schools</td>
<td>3,000 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>High School</td>
<td>1,100 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>receiving tomb</td>
<td>800 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>new Primary School-house</td>
<td>1,500 00</td>
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For High School building, $5,000 00
furniture for High School building, 825 00
heating apparatus, 300 00

$26,125 00

GENERAL STATEMENT,
Accounting for all the Treasurer's receipts during the year ending Feb. 20, 1877.

Amount of tax bills, including supplemental tax for 1876, committed to Joseph Percival, Collector, $28,110 07
Balance due from Joseph Percival, Treasurer, for the year 1875, 13,973 03
Bank tax due from State for the year 1875, 991 81
Mill tax due from State for the year 1875, 1,324 84
Railroad tax due for the year 1874, 19 57
Money refunded by Hersom, due from W. Waterville on account of roads, 4 90
Cash of Liquor Agent, 232 95
Money hired by Selectmen to change outstanding debt from 7 to 6 per cent., 10,426 08
Money hired to build and furnish schoolhouses, as authorized by vote of town, 6,125 00
Bank tax due from State for 1876, 980 60
Mill tax due from State for 1876, 1,393 81
High School fund for 1875 and 1876, 1,000 00
C. H. Redington, balance of tax bills for the year 1873, 72 06
L. A. Dow, balance of tax bills for the year 1874, 146 33
Circus license, 30 00
Cash refunded from West Waterville in settlement, 267 18

To be accounted for by Treasurer as total resources, $65,098 23

Note.—The sum of $2,374.41 above is not included in the Treasurer's report, as the same has not been received by him from the State.
Orders paid by Treasurer Percival, $42,959 96
Paid State tax of 1875 in full, 5,337 56
Paid State tax in part of 1876, 500 00
Paid County tax in part of 1876, 1,000 00
In hands of State Treasurer, 2,374 41
Due from Treasurer Percival, 12,926 30

$65,098 23

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT.

Interest-bearing orders outstanding Feb. 20, 1876:

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<th>Interest</th>
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<td>Feb. 20, 1876:</td>
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<td>$47,253 84</td>
<td>1,829 47</td>
<td>$49,083 31</td>
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<td>$53,431 91</td>
<td>1,822 99</td>
<td>$55,260 90</td>
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Increase of debt, $6,111 65
Town voted to increase debt by loan, $6,125 00
Increase of debt in excess of vote, 52 65

There has been money hired above the $6,125 voted by the town to be hired, the sum of $10,420.08. This amount was hired at 6 and a part of it at 5 per cent. for one year, and applied to paying off former interest-bearing orders which were drawing 7 per cent., so that by renewals at 6 per cent. to those who chose to renew at that rate, and paying with this money hired at these rates, the larger portion—at any rate all that was due this year and could be called in, say two-thirds of the interest-bearing debt—has been reduced from 7 to 6, and a part to 5 per cent.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Due schools, Feb. 20, 1876, $3,006 49
Appropriated for schools, 3,000 00
School fund bank tax, 980 00
School fund mill tax, 1,393 81

$8,380 30
Orders drawn since Feb. 20, 1876, not including High School, $3,957 79
Balance due schools, 4,422 51
\[ \text{Total} = 8,380 30 \]

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

Balance due Feb. 20, 1876, $422 00
Appropriated by town, 1,100 00
Due from State, 500 00
\[ \text{Total} = 2,022 00 \]

Orders drawn, $1,787 00
Balance due, 235 00
\[ \text{Total} = 2,022 00 \]

**HIGH AND PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT.**

Appropriation for High School building, $5,000 00
Appropriation for Primary, 1,500 00
Appropriation for furniture (both houses), 825 00
Appropriation for heating apparatus (both houses), 300 00
\[ \text{Total} = 7,625 00 \]

Orders drawn for High School building, stoves and furniture for same, $6,054 63
Orders drawn for Primary School building, including lot, furniture, and stoves, 1,344 93
Balance due building account, 225 44
\[ \text{Total} = 7,625 00 \]

Whole number of scholars, 1375.

**LIQUOR AGENCY REPORT.**

Liquor on hand Feb. 20th, 1876, $575 00
Packages on hand Feb. 20th, 1876, 85 50
Liquors bought and paid for, during the year, 1,991 94
Salary of M. Soule, 283 44
Salary of W. W. Edwards, 5 00
Salary of E. H. Piper, 19 50
Office rent, not paid, $50 00
Paid freight on liquors, 12 00 $3,022 38
Net profit to Town, 185 56

By amount received from sale of liquors, $2,504 25
amount of liquor furnished paupers, 9 50
amount of liquors on hand Feb. 20th, 1877, 416 19
amount of packages on hand, 55 05
amount of coal on hand, 10 00
cash paid Joseph Percival, Treasurer, 212 95

$3,207 94

In addition to above, paid to Treasurer Percival, for error, 1875, $20.00.
All salaries of Agents paid as above.

Sales of liquors and packages last year were $5,467 95
Sales of liquors and packages this year were 2,504 25

Thus showing a reduction in sales this year over last of $2,963 70

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

C. H. Redington, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Road Superintendent for the year ending March 12th, 1877, $500 00
Martin Blaisdell, Selectman, 125 00
W. B. Arnold, Selectman, 400 00
E. F. Webb, Town Agent, 25 00
E. R. Drummond, Town Clerk, 50 00 $1,100 00

NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation, $500 00
Paid C. A. Wood, $500 00
Paid Horace Raney, extra watchman, put on by request of citizens after several attempts at burglary, 84 00
RECEIVING TOMB AND FENCE.

Balance of former appropriation on hand
Feb. 20th, 1876, $188 67
Appropriation for same for 1876, 800 00
__________________________ $988 67
Paid Heath & Crosby for posts and lumber, 35 37
__________________________
Balance unexpended, $953 30

TOWN FARM REPORT.

By proceeds of sales, $516 40
excess of supplies on hand over last year, 114 50
Superintendent, earned on roads, 35 00
__________________________
$665 90

To paid by Superintendent, for supplies, $280 36
paid by orders, for supplies, 174 69
former Superintendent, salary from
Feb. 20th, to April 1st, 1876, 50 68
present Superintendent, salary, 402 00
__________________________ $907 73
Balance against farm for running expenses, $241 83
Paid by orders and by Superintendent for
new tools and permanent repairs and stock, 429 13
__________________________ $670 66
Stock on hand in excess of last year, 260 00
Total balance against farm, including permanent
repairs, new tools and stock, $410 96
Average number of paupers at farm during year, 9.

The balance against the farm for run-
ning expenses is as above, $241 83
By estimate, interest on farm and wear
and tear, insurance, &c., would
amount to not less than 700 00
__________________________ $941 83
Number of paupers on farm, 9.
If this estimate is about correct, the expense of each pauper
will be per year, $104.65.
PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for 1876, $3,000 00
To excess of ordinary pauper bills on farm for the year, $241 83
orders drawn for paupers off the farm for 1875, which were not reckoned in last year's liabilities, 302 45
orders drawn for paupers off the farm for the year 1876, 3,165 63

$3,709 96

Showing a balance against the town of 709 96

But the real deficiency for paupers in 1876, is as above, 406 61

It will be entirely superfluous to say that this has been a hard year for the poor; and while no one has been allowed to suffer, yet, having so very many extremely poor French Canadians who depend entirely upon their daily labor to support their families, and there being such an extreme scarcity of employment, the pauper expenses were necessarily very large on their account. Employment has been obtained by the Selectmen for many of such paupers, and many have been kept at work on the roads or at any work which in any way could be of advantage to the town. Several are at present sawing the wood for the school-houses.

TOWN HALL REPORT.

Total receipts for Hall, $718 50
Paid Holway for services as Town Hall Keeper, 281 00
by Holway for fuel, lighting, and lamps, 194 23
for permanent fixtures and repairs, 104 00
Due from Holway in settlement, 139 27

$718 50

Net profit to town of Hall, 243 27
NEW ROADS.

Appropriation, $100 00
Paid for building Brook Street, $100 00
Paid for building Meader Road—no appropriation, and which amount was taken from money raised for road repairs, 100 00

REPORT ON ROADS, BRIDGES, AND SNOW BILLS.

Appropriations for road repairs and bridges for 1876, $3,500 00
Expended for ordinary road repairs, $3,410 92
Expended for road repairs of 1875, of which there was no estimate last year, 199 00
" for Meader Road, for which there was no appropriation, $100 00
" for repairs on Marston, Cedar, and Emerson bridges, $300 00
" for rebuilding Low Bridge, which was so utterly decayed as to be entirely unsafe, and could not be repaired, and which we took the responsibility of doing without calling a town meeting, 1,400 00

Total expenditure, $5,409 92
Excess of expenditures over appropriations for all of the above, 1,909 92
$5,409 92

But the ordinary expenses for road repairs for the year are as above, $3,410 92

At the urgent solicitation of prominent business men on the street, we have expended quite a sum in stone crossings and new sidewalks; and finding Elm Street impassable in the Spring, we laid an underground drain, which, if it works as is anticipated, will be worth to the town treble the outlay; and our roads are in excellent condition.
RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of uncollected taxes, including old town order for $383, $12,926 30
Liquors and packages on hand at town liquor agency, 660 50
Granite at B. Mitchell's, estimated last year at 20 00
(but which really never was worth more than $8.)
Due from town of Benton for Rowe family, 5 50
from Holway, Town Hall Keeper, 139 27
from Winslow as their part of expense on free bridge, estimated, 30 00
from West Waterville, school money, estimated, 75 00
from State Treasurer, bank tax, 980 00
from " " " mill tax, 1,393 81
for kerosene barrels, 10 00

LIABILITIES.

Interest on town debt, $1,822 99
Balance of state tax for 1876, 4,504 36
of county tax for 1876, 1,565 06
Due E. R. Drummond, Town Clerk, 50 00
M. Lyford, S. S. Committee, 50 00
Prof. Hall, " 63 75
J. Soule, " 100 00
Augusta for Seco family, 48 02
Fairfield for supplies furnished Rancoe family, 34 03
for wood for school houses, 173 40
Holway for burying paupers, 12 00
Holway for labor moving gas machines and for brick work, 18 29
E. W. Cook, roads and snow bills, 27 35
Mary Luce for support of Mrs. Starkey, 12 00
Homer Proctor, Night Watch, 38 36
Overseers of Poor of Skowhegan for Mrs. Welch, 12 00
Lockwood Co., rent of Clukey family, 5 00
town of Oldtown, Sarah Chipman case, as claimed, 191 96
B. F. Thompson, Supt. Town Farm, balance salary, 208 23
Samuel Appleton, rent of Liquor Agency, 50 00
Waterville National Bank, temporary loan (reduced $2,000 since last year), 3,000 00
Interest on same, 70 00
Due Joseph Percival, com. as Tax Collector for 1876, $240 00
Howard Sawtelle, police services for the year, 15 00
Howard Sawtelle for care of tramps (15 in number), 5 00
Howard Sawtelle for ice, public days, 10 00
F. S. Chase, watching streets, evenings, 15 00
F. S. Chase, 1 day and night, 3 00
F. S. Chase, care of tramps (48), 12 00
F. S. Chase, police services for the year, 10 00
L. A. Dow for putting up 12 tramps and furnishing food in part; also 3 days’ services, viz.: July 4th, Sept. 14th, and town meeting day; also Barnum’s show day and two nights on street, 12 00
A. D. Libby, sup. for paupers, 63 00
Interest due People’s Nat. Bank on accepted orders, 77 00
F. C. Thayer’s bill, medical services for paupers for the year, 75 00
Chas. Sloper, watching streets, 4 00
Chas. W. Smiley, 6 00
Bills not presented, estimated, 150 00
Ticonic Bank, office rent, 125 00
Balance due school fund, 4,422 51
Balance due High School, 235 00
High and Primary school buildings, 225 44
Orders outstanding Feb. 20th, 1877, not including the $3000 at Waterville Bank, 8,482 08

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<td><strong>16,240 38</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Excess of liabilities over resources</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,893 38</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Leaving deficiency above authorized hired money of</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,046 70</strong></td>
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To account for this excess there has been paid this year for which there was no appropriations as follows:

To Alvan Robinson on Town Hall job, as awarded by committee chosen by town, $437 00
Award on bridge interest case by committee, 1,469 85
A. G. Emery, claim as awarded by Clerk of Courts, 102 33

$2,009.18

Rebuilding Low bridge, 1,400 00
Last year's bills on roads and the Meader new road, for which there was no appropriation, 299 00
Extra work on bridges and culverts, 300 00

$4,008 18

The balance of the excess is on paupers, miscellaneous, &c., 2,038 52

$6,046 70

Interest-bearing debt of Town, Feb. 20th, 1877 (not including the interest, which is reckoned as above in the liabilities, $1,822.99), 9,940 08

Excess of liabilities over resources as above, 9,940 08

Total amount of town debt over resources, Feb. 20, 1877, 63,378 05

There may be a few more liabilities that we cannot ascertain fully.

That a warrant of distress against the town is liable to be issued any day for the State and County tax which is over-due, and that so many orders are unpaid, is in no way the fault of the Town officers, nor the Collector, who has done perhaps as well as any one could; but parties having bills against the town having presented their bills, and orders having been drawn earlier in the year than usual, the Collector has been unable to collect the taxes fast enough to meet the orders as they have been drawn, and to pay only two thousand dollars on the five thousand hired for him as a temporary loan by the board of 1875, and which it was expected at the time he would pay in ninety days from its date, the time for which it was hired. We were obliged to renew three thousand dollars of it for him, and it now stands against the town, not as a new debt for money hired by us, but as a renewal of the old one.

It does seem as if some method must be adopted to insure
the more prompt collection of taxes, so as to save the quite large amount paid for interest on accepted orders and temporary loans, which this year has been about three hundred dollars.

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,**

**PAID DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1877.**

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<td>2, Morris Soule, rent of Agency</td>
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<td>8, L. T. Boothby, Town Hall Insurance</td>
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<td>10, E. F. Proctor, bricking up gas machine</td>
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<td>10, Alvan Robinson, on Town Hall job</td>
<td>61 60</td>
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<td>10, Alvan Robinson, balance in full of Town Hall job</td>
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<td>11, Samuel Fuller, sawing and planing</td>
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Board of 1876 commenced drawing orders at this date, Mar. 14th, 1876.

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<td>Mar. 28</td>
<td>J. D. Hayden, rent of pound for two months</td>
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<td>Editors N. Y. Mercury, advertising, Town Hall</td>
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<td>5, Reimbursement in Ware suit to board of Selectmen for 1865</td>
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<td>W. Morrill, manure on town farm, 1875,</td>
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<td>Crowell Bickford, dump cart for town,</td>
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<td>10. E. R. Drummond, services as Town Clerk, 1875,</td>
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<td>12. Nudd heirs, land damages on Bridge street,</td>
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<td>30. J. W. Crawford, damages on sleigh,</td>
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<td>A. R. Farnham, labor on scrapers,</td>
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<td>Lucius Allen, rent of lock-up lot,</td>
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<td>26. J. M. Crooker, repairing watchman's clock,</td>
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<td>26. George Kenney, watering trough, 1875 and 1876,</td>
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<td>31. W. B. Arnold, hauling water, etc.,</td>
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<td>27. Hill &amp; Devine, street scrapers, tools, repairs on Low bridge, etc.,</td>
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<td>C. H. Redington, lamp lighting, etc.,</td>
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<td>10. Town of Smithfield, award in Rowe case,</td>
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<td>16. E. C. Lowe &amp; Son, coal for office,</td>
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<td>23. Heath &amp; Crosby, lumber, etc., for cemetery fence,</td>
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<td>Nov.  8</td>
<td>L. B. Paine, gutter for Town Hall, stove funnel, etc.,</td>
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<td>8. Webber &amp; Haviland, agents, awarded by committee, interest on bridge,</td>
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<td>18. Homer Proctor, repairs on Town Hall,</td>
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Nov. 28, G. H. Esty, police service, $2.00
29, C. H. Redington, lamp lighting, etc., 49.77
Dec. 1, Smith & Meader, lumber for school-house, Town Hall, etc., 35.07
1, Marcus Ballentine, labor on roads and Hall, 5.85
4, F. C. Thayer, insurance on farm buildings, 37.50
9, C. H. Redington, outbuilding at Town Hall, lamps, lights, etc., 68.05
11, George Vigue, night watch, 14.00
1877.
Jan. 2, C. H. Redington, lamp lighting, etc., 109.16
2, C. H. Redington, paid Waldron for prosecuting liquor sellers, 15.00
10, Alvin Robinson, care of town clock, 30.00
19, L. A. Dow, balance of commission as tax collector for 1874, 4.84
22, Horace Raney, night watch, 54.00
23, W. B. Arnold, telegraphing after burglars, 8.36
23, George Furber, damage to pung, 4.85
23, W. B. Arnold, envelopes, 1.10
23, A. G. Emery, for clerk of court bills as awarded by referee, 102.33
23, H. B. White, services as clerk, posting warrants, etc., 25.00
Feb. 8, Hill & Devine, water grates, 4.13
8, Homer Proctor, police service, 20.50
9, William Ballentine, 2d, police service, 6.00
10, Sylvester Haynes, police service, 6.00
10, Foster Brown, police service, 2.00
10, George Jewell, team, 4.00
16, Maxham & Wing, printing, mostly for 1875, 118.30
16, Foster & Stewart, for prosecuting liquor sellers, 5.00
19, E. F. Webb, services as town agent, 25.00
19, W. W. Edwards, taking care of tramps, police service, etc., 51.75
19, C. H. Redington, lamps, lamp posts, etc., 97.55
19, C. K. Mathews, water at corner Main and Temple streets, 10.00
Feb. 19, J. D. Hayden, repairing water tank, $40.40
19, J. D. Hayden, labor at Town Hall, 26.40
20, Jedediah Morrill, water trough, 3.00
20, G. A. Phillips, oil for street lamps, repairs, tools, etc., 266.65
20, I. S. Bangs, watering trough, hauling water, etc., 9.70
20, E. R. Emerson, expenses on bridge and laying out roads, 5.25
20, J. Percival, commission on taxes collected for 1875, 310.52
20, G. A. Phillips, stove for office, funnel, etc., 30.00

It appears that under this head quite large orders have been drawn for C. H. Redington. These were nearly all for cash paid out by him, as per vouchers, as the Treasurer has been out of funds so often, and very many bills had to be paid promptly.

RECAPITULATION.

Recapitulation of orders drawn, $53,521.48
For schools, $5,483.50
  paupers, 3,468.13
  town farm, 281.66
  roads, 5,772.73
miscellaneous, 23,859.71
abatements, 1,208.54
interest, 2,334.13
principal in changing debt to less rate of interest, 11,113.08

Total amount of orders drawn on Treasurer during the year 1876, $53,521.48
Of these there are, as reported above, remaining outstanding (most of which are accepted and drawing interest), $8,482.08

It must not be expected that the necessary expenses of the Town can be paid by a tax of one per cent., as has been the rate this year. It is impossible to pay the miscellaneous and other bills for which there are no appropriations, and keep the
roads, etc., up in good shape, without there being more or less deficiency every year,—the current expense appropriation, as will be seen, being almost used up by awards of old claims for which there were no appropriations.

Very few cases of disturbance or trouble, arising from intoxication or any other cause, have occurred during the year. Good order has prevailed. Matters with other towns have been amicably adjusted, and the interests of the town constantly cared for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. REDINGTON,
M. BLAISDELL,
W. B. ARNOLD,
Selectmen of Waterville.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, the Agent for the sale of liquors, C. H. Redington, Treasurer for 1873, L. A. Dow, Treasurer for 1874, and Joseph Percival, Treasurer for 1876, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. A. PLAISTED, Auditor.

Waterville, March 3, 1877.
WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

To Henry B. White, one of the Constables of the Town of Waterville,

GREETING.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Waterville, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the 12th day of March, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and one or more of Superintending School Committee.

ART. 3.—To see what method the Town will adopt to collect the taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To choose a Treasurer, Collector, Agent, Auditor of Accounts, and all other necessary Town Officers.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes not paid until after a certain date, or make a discount to those paying taxes before a certain date, or both, and determine what time taxes shall be payable.

ART. 6.—To raise a sum of money for the Support of Schools.

ART. 7.—To raise a sum of money for the Support of Poor.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will vote any instructions in relation to the Management of the Poor, or of the Town Farm.

ART. 9.—To see what method the Town will take to repair the roads, bridges, and sidewalks, and raise a sum of money to pay for said repairs for the ensuing year.

ART. 10.—To raise a sum of money to pay the current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to pay its interest bearing debt, or any portion thereof, or take any action in regard to the same.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the repairs of School Houses.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a suitable number of persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark, and Surveyors of Logs and Lumber, the ensuing year.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will change the name of any street.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will vote that the Schools in the Village, with the exception of the High School, shall be kept thirty-six weeks in the year, instead of forty-two.
ART. 16.—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Chief of Police (or Inspector), to keep the Streets clear of Loafers days and evenings.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to pay a Night Watch, or act anything thereon.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will vote to Sprinkle the Streets, or any part thereof, and raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 19.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to Lighting the Streets, and to raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for the support of a Free High School.

ART. 21.—To see what action the Town will take in relation to the instruction of the High School Pupils for the ensuing year.

ART. 22.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Management of the Town Hall.

ART. 23.—To see if the Town will take any action in regard to Sewerage, and to raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 24.—To see if the Town will vote to close the Town Liquor Agency for the ensuing year, and prohibit the Selectmen from appointing any Liquor Agent for any part of the year ensuing.

ART. 25.—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to have the obstructions in the Town Landing and the highway to the same, near Smith & Meader's mill, removed, or to take any action thereon.

ART. 26.—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to insure the Town Hall.

ART. 27.—To see if the Town will vote to furnish Text-Books for the Scholars of the Public Schools, and raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 28.—To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to examine into the accounts and matters pertaining to the building of Ticonic Bridge and settlement with contractors, in order to ascertain if the liabilities of the Town have been unnecessarily increased thereby.

ART. 29.—To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money for building a Receiving Tomb.

ART. 30.—To see if the Town will vote to fund a part or the whole of the indebtedness of the Town, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue bonds therefor.

ART. 31.—To see what arrangements the Town will make to reimburse the School Districts for School property taken possession of by the Town, when said Districts were abolished, and if necessary to raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 32.—To see if the Town will vote to accept a Town Way, laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at a stone monument in the westerly line of the new road, built from County road to Gilman street, at the southerly corner of land of A. O. Libby; thence N. 63 deg. 45 min., W. 519 85-100 ft., (five hundred nineteen and eighty-five hundredths feet); the said way to be four rods wide,
and lie on the southerly side of said line; thence N. 26 deg. 15 min., E. 242 ft. (two hundred forty-two ft.), to intersection with westerly line of the new County road; the said way to be four rods wide, and lie on the easterly side of said line.

ART. 33.—To see if the Town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at a point in the westerly line of Grove street, and about three feet from the northeast corner of Pooler's store; thence southerly 51 deg. 45 min. W., 100 feet to a stake; thence, south, 62 deg. 95 min. W., 418 feet to a stake; thence, south, 68 deg. 45 min., 375 5-10 feet to a stake; thence, south, 84 deg. W., 291 feet to a fence; said road to be two and one-half rods wide, and to lie on the southerly side of the above described line.

ART. 34.—To see if the Town will vote to accept a Town Way as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at a point in the easterly line of Silver Street, four rods southerly from the southeasterly corner of land occupied by J. G. Stover; thence running at right angles with Silver Street to Summer Street, three rods wide—located southerly of the above mentioned line.

ART. 35.—To see if the Town will vote to accept and build a Town Way, as laid out by the Selectmen, in said town, through land of William Cratty and others, being a continuation of Maple Street as it was laid out in the year 1875.

ART. 36.—To see if the Town will vote to change the location of a portion of South Main street, near the Lockwood Mills, as follows: Beginning at a point in the westerly line in said street, at the northeasterly corner of land of James Stackpole; thence southerly about one hundred and thirty feet to another point in the aforesaid westerly line of said street forty-seven and sixty-six one-hundredths rods northerly from the stone monument at the northeast corner of Noah Boothby's homestead lot; to lay out said street three and one-half rods wide on the easterly side of the above described line, and to discontinue so much of said portion of said street as is not included between the above described line and a line parallel with the same and distant three and one-half rods therefrom.

ART. 37.—To see if the Town will vote to extend Bridge street westerly to intersect South Main street.

And you are alike required to notify the inhabitants of said Town that the Selectmen will be in session on Saturday, March 10th, A. D. 1877, from one to five o'clock in the afternoon, at their office in Waterville, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

HEREOF FAIL NOT; and make due return of this Warrant with your doings hereon, on or before the day of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, this third of March, A. D., 1877.

C. H. REDINGTON,  
M. BLAISDELL,  
W. B. ARNOLD,  
Selectmen of Waterville.