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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

[L. S.] **State of New Hampshire.**

To the inhabitants of the town of Wolfeborough, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

3d To choose three Selectmen for the ensuing year.

4th To choose a Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray town expenses.

6th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on its indebtedness.

7th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for breaking roads the past winter.

8th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways the ensuing year.

9th To see if the town will vote to buy a Road Machine, and raise money for the same.

10th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay each fireman legally returned for the year 1887, in addition to that prescribed by law, agreeable to a petition signed by Geo. F. Horn and others.

11th To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay to James R. Newell Post, No. 61, G.A. R. of said town to assist in defraying the expenses of decorating the graves of deceased Soldiers, and other necessity expenses of Memorial Day, May 30, 1887, agreeable to a petition signed by Thomas Lees and others.

12th To see if the town will authorize the two special School Districts now organized under the Somersworth Act, to dissolve their respective organizations and again become a part of the town School organization in accordance with the wishes of the Trustees of the estate of John Brewster, late of Cambridge, Mass.

13th To see if the town will grant full powers to its Board of Education to act in conjunction with the Trustees of the estate of John Brewster, late of Cambridge, Mass., in devising and carrying out some plan for the application of the School Fund to be received from said estate.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, A. D., 1887.

JONAS W. PIPER, }
NATH'L T. BREWSTER, } Selectmen
STEPHEN W. CLOW. } of
Wolfeborough

A true copy—attest

JONAS W. PIPER, }
NATH'L T. BREWSTER, } Selectmen
STEPHEN W. CLOW. } of
Wolfeborough

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

DR.	
To amount from treasurer, 1885,.....	\$3,513 52
To amount for Water Village school house,.....	30 54
To amount from billiards and bowling.....	19 00
To amount support of Mary A. Sawyer's child,....	27 00
To amount from insurance tax,.....	78 00
To amount from railroad tax.....	140 75
To amount of savings bank tax,.....	1,317 07
To amount from literary fund,.....	264 96
To amount from County pauper bills,.....	771 22
To amount from assessment 1886,.....	23,441 12
To amount from non-resident assessment 1886,....	3,330 98

\$32,934 16

TREASURER'S REPORT

EXPENDITURES.

	CR.
Paid State tax,.....	\$2,240 00
Paid County tax,.....	5,362 27
Paid Bonds redeemed,.....	3,100 00
Paid Interest on bonds,.....	2,398 17
Paid District school money,.....	3,361 48
Paid School district assessment.....	300 00
Paid County pauper bills,.....	813 66
Paid Town pauper bills,.....	731 75
Paid Summer highway bills,.....	640 74
Paid Winter highway bills.....	1,507 77
Paid Non-resident tax worked out.....	334 37
Paid Religious societies.....	61 59
Paid Fire department,.....	736 00
Paid Police department,.....	69 00
Paid Health department,.....	100 00
Paid for public water,.....	21 00
Paid Lunaber for bridges,.....	87 44
Paid Village Precinct,.....	200 00
Paid J. B. Haines, collector 1885,.....	200 00
Paid Town officers.....	936 00
Paid Abatements 1886.....	205 75
Paid rebate on school district tax.....	4,767 83
Paid Miscellaneous,.....	593 22
Balance in treasurer's hands.....	4,166 12
	\$32,934 16

CHARLES F. PIPER, TREASURER.

We, the undersigned, have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer for the financial year, ending March 1, 1887, and find the foregoing statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

H. W. FURBER, }
 THOMAS J. BICKFORD, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Selectmen in account with the town of Wolfeborough for the financial year ending March 1st, 1887:

Paid State tax	\$2,240 00	
do county tax	5,362 27	\$7,602 27

PAID ON INDEBTEDNESS

Bonds redeemed	3,100 00	
Interest on bonds	2,398 17	5,498 17

PAID SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

School district No 17	300 00	
Rebate on old school districts property	4,767 83	5,067 83

PAID PUBLIC WATER

R W Hill	3 00	
M T Cate	3 00	
J C Edgerly	3 00	
B F Mason	3 00	
A B Tibbetts	3 00	
F L Sanborn	3 00	
C E Lucas	3 00	21 00

PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Town School district	1,526 66	
District No 2	485 20	
do 17	1,349 62	3,361 48

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED
OUT

334 37 \$334 37

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carroll Engine Co No 2	400 00	
Monitor do do 1	336 00	736 00

PAID LUMBER FOR BRIDGES

Libbey Varney & Co	8 13	
J A Chamberlin	26 50	
Hersey Bros	1 93	
V B Willey	31 91	
C S Paris	14 04	
J L Peavey & Co	4 93	87 44

PAID RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

1st F B	20 36	
2nd F B	1 34	
1st Congregational	13 94	
1st Christian	3 75	
2nd do	13 66	
Methodist	3 75	
do 1885	2 52	
Unitarian	2 27	61 59

PAID POLICE DEPARTMENT

A W Durgin	8 00	
F Willand	7 00	
W T Dorr	3 00	
Edwin Rollins	5 00	
Walter Pickering	10 00	
Frank E Hamilton	16 00	
H W Morgan	10 00	
Geo W Blake	10 00	69 00

PAID HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Oliver Dowlin	50 00	
H I Berry	50 00	100 00

PAID BOARD OF EDUCATION

Geo A Haines	54 00	
John H Rust	12 00	
Thomas Young	24 00	\$90 00

PAID FISH AND GAME WARDEN

Sylvester A Edgerley		10 00
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PAID TOWN OFFICERS

J B Haines collector 1885	200 00	
C G Cate } selectmen	9 50	
W A Sherburn } appraising	9 50	
J W Piper } school district property	6 00	
I B Manning auditor 2885	3 00	
J H Bickford do	3 00	
Joseph Lewando supervisor	42 00	
J A Chamberlin do	42 00	
J P Heath do	42 00	
William J. Mattison town clerk	75 00	
C F Piper treasurer	75 00	
J W Piper selectman	121 00	
N T Brewster do	66 00	
Stephen W Clow selectman	112 00	
Overseer of poor	30 00	
Geo Bassett collector	200 00	1, 036 00

PAID ROAD DAMAGE.

Henry R Wentworth,	35 00	
A E Beacham, 1885,	2 00	
J W Cotton,	2 00	
C H Gage, for repairing buggy,	5 75	44 75

PAID DOG DAMAGE.

J W Cotton, 1885,	5 00	
William P Hersey,	6 00	
A D Avery,	16 00	
J H Chamberlin,	10 00	37 00

PAID FIRE PRECINCT.

To be assessed in 1887,

\$200 00

PAID SUMMER HIGHWAY BILLS

District No.		
4		\$38 26
7		23 14
9		44 78
10		4 80
12		39 79
13		33 49
14		11 95
15		29 39
16		9 42
17	1885	3 79
19		15 02
21		15 20
22		9 48
23		51 50
25		2 04
27		11 35
29		7 15
32		9 42
33		9 03
36		109 11
37		37 83
38		41 05
39		28 75
40		40 00
42		15 00
		640 74

PAID WINTER HIGHWAY BILLS

District No.		
1	A W Banfield	surveyor 44 62
3	A H Willey	do 6 24
4	B F Cotton	do 48 87
6	Geo W Basset	do 48 09
7	I D Abbott	do 28 36
8	Samuel Reynolds	do 31 99
9	G W Brown	do 58 34

District No.		surveyor		
10	E E Cate		\$21	25
11	D T Tibbets	do	63	85
12	A W Cotton	do	28	51
13	N A Severance	do	38	11
14	C E Tibbets	do	22	21
15	D E Bennett	do	44	18
16	Endicott Willand	do	72	51
17	F B Kenney	do	27	59
19	C H Tibbets	do	27	20
20	T J Tibbets	do	59	21
21	C H Bennett	do	81	44
22	C F Blake	do	32	87
23	L T Grant	do	33	87
24	Gideon Gilman	do	45	56
25	N F Avery	do	21	91
26	V B Willey	do	21	17
27	G E Mason	do	52	12
28	C A Whitton	do	81	42
29	J A Chamberlin	do	15	94
30	M A Libby	do	16	87
31	W L Hill	do	41	17
32	J T Furber	do	20	48
33	W P Adams	do	8	62
34	G C Avery	do	20	00
35	J A Goldsmith	do	22	30
36	J L Goldsmith	do	25	62
37	J F Thurston	do	46	13
38	J L Young	do	85	81
39	John Clark	do	54	42
40	J R Hayes	do	13	76
41	John C Canney	do	15	48
42	T J Bickford	do	23	78
43	Stephen Durgin	do	26	55
44	J R Haines	do	29	35
				1,507 77

ABATEMENTS

On Geo W Bassett's list 1886 205 75

PAID TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Hamilton Lock family,	197 95
Mary E. Bickford,	209 03
Geo. O. Hatch,	101 68

Mrs. Eli B. Kenney,	\$42 86
Isaac Roberts,	56 68
Joseph Young,	43 00
Eben Corson,	17 50
Oscar F. Tibbetts,	20 75
William Kimball's wife	5 00
John F. Kimball,	13 05
Mary A. Sawyer,	14 00
Alvin J. Weeks,	10 25
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	731 75

PAID COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Thomas P. Ricker,	143 80
Betsey Birdstead,	105 00
Charles E. Gerald's family,	82 08
Oliver E. Clough family,	66 75
Daniel Copp,	104 84
Geo. W. Elliott,	10 47
Frank Britton,	20 25
John M. Kimball family,	116 50
Geo. F. Kimball,	43 42
Ezra B. Tibbetts,	40 00
For Tramps,	3 80
Harriet C. Hatch,	33 57
Ann Johnson,	43 18
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	813 66

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. H. Martin surveying new street,	2 50
“ Levi Butterfield sweeping Town House	50
“ Henry J. Colman sweeping Town House	50
“ Chas. H. Parker printing town reports &c 1885,	42 00
“ Fred A. Edgerly painting Guide Boards	9 75
“ Levi T. Haley cost of suit in road case	12 74
“ N. H. Scott return of births and deaths	6 75
“ Moses Thompson road scraper	1 50
“ S. W. Abbott cash paid in road case	5 00
“ I. C. Thompson shade trees	8.00
“ C. F. Piper one and one-half years due for lease of lobby	45 00
“ Peavey Rifles for rent of hall	2 00

Paid I. B. Manning books and stationary	\$13 90
“ C. H. Parker printing	8 50
“ Henry J. Colman sawing wood for town house,	50
“ R. H. King return of births and deaths	6 75
“ Chas. H. Parker printing	13 50
“ Selectmen dividing school money and assessing district taxes	44 00
“ Selectmen returning inventory to Secretary of State	8 00
“ Selectmen cash expenses	35 33
“ Stephen W. Clow recording inventory and making collectors book	8 00
“ Daniel Horne board of Selectmen	8 50
“ J. A. Chamberlain one-half cord wood for town house	2 00
“ Sewell W. Abbott attorney fees and cash paid out	129 00
“ C. F. Piper horse hire for treasurer	2 00
“ Selectmen horse hire	25 00
“ M. A. Harmon return of births and deaths	3 00
“ Daniel Colman board of Selectmen and office rent	67 25
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	\$511 47

JONAS W PIPER }
 NATH'L T BREWSTER } Selectmen
 STEPHEN W CLOW } of
 } Wolfeborough.

Wolfeborough, March 1st, 1887.

The undersigned have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen for the financial year ending March 1st, 1887, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

H. W. FURBER }
 T. J. BICKFORD } Auditors.

TABLE

SHOWING THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF WOLFEBOROUGH, MARCH 1, 1887.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Due from treasurer, 1886,.....	Bonded debt.....
\$4,166 12	\$61,950 00
Due from County of Carroll,.....	Accrued interest on bonds to March 1, '87.
287 00	413 00
Due from F A B Langley.....	Interest due and unpaid on bonds to Jan-
25 00	uary 1, 1887,.....
Due from Fire Precinct.....	336 00
Due from Loren F. Kimball, rent of Kim-	Parsonage fund.....
ball pasture, 1886,.....	1,063 00
20 00	School fund,.....
	4,300 00
	Unpaid bills, about.....
	100 00
\$4,698 12	\$68,162 00

SCHOOL REPORTS.

**Report of the School Board of Wolfeborough, N. H., for the
Year ending March 1st, 1887.**

TO THE CITIZENS OF WOLFEBORO':—

Tested by the rule of what we have a right to demand from the means used, the most of our schools have been fairly successful. Good teachers for the most part have the faculty of making their work acceptable to those immediately concerned. Poorer ones are often able to do the same thing. Giving satisfaction to employers is in itself a good deal of a virtue, and as special reports are sometimes thought to be invidious, each one of our teachers is best left to stand on the local merit thus awarded, with no word here of praise or blame to aid in making or marring good reputations.

Each scholar in the district has cost us this year \$7.43. The expenditure of public money for the support of schools is quite large considering the number of scholars benefitted in the smaller districts; so far as numbers are concerned four or five schools would be sufficient to accommodate all of the scholars; but if we consolidate the districts, it will compel those living remote, to travel several miles to enjoy school privileges, and in winter or when the weather is inclement, they would have to be carried to and from school, which in our opinion would carry the cost above present expense without adding taxes for moving and refitting schoolhouses, and who has the wisdom or authority to say how far from school a scholar must live to entitle him to a free ride to and from the schoolhouse, and, whether, in all cases the distance shall be reckoned in the road, or, in some cases "across lots".

Again when the number of schoolhouses in town is diminished, it will lessen the value of all homesteads unfavorably affected by such a change, and more farms will be abandoned, and the buildings suffered to crumble to dust. Let us not by any means discourage those who are disposed to live on the hills. Having given this subject much consideration we have come to the conclusion that it would be sound policy, which is never at variance with substantial justice, not to make any material changes at present.

We have during the year taken out all the old Reading Books, and introduced Lippincott's Readers. This change, was much needed as there was as many as six different books in use, and many of them had been in use as much as twenty years, we now have a uniformity of Reading Books instead of the curious mixture formerly existing. The great cost of text books is a serious burden on parents. It is worth while for the taxpayers to consider, whether we had not better wake up to the fact, that there is a way to get books for one-half the present cost. Let the school own the books, loaning them to the scholars till worn out, and then buy new ones of the same series, or, a different one, just as seems best.

A report of our schools would be incomplete without a chiding word to some parents in reference to the irregular attendance of some of our scholars. We are unable to comprehend the satisfaction it must afford a parent of depriving his child of the little means of education our common schools furnish. Is it thoughtlessness, or does it yield some degree of pleasure, that so many of our citizens permit their children to stay away from school altogether, or attend so irregularly that the benefits of the schools are next to nothing? It is certainly not the fault of teachers, for we have had those who cannot be excelled for a conscientious discharge of duty; those who have done everything possible to have their pupils attend regularly. Every means have been taken to correct this great evil, written excuses have been required of parents. They do not hesitate to furnish them on the most trivial pretext. When remonstrated with, it is too cold or too hot, the traveling too muddy, or too dusty, the distance too far, or too near, anything for an excuse. That person is unworthy the name of a parent who does not improve every opportunity to send his children to school constantly from the age of five to fifteen. It is impossible to give your children too good an education, the wrong you do your child in allowing him or her to remain out of school cannot be estimated. We cannot begin too early to lay a solid foundation of learning in the minds of children. If a child is well started in the great field of knowledge, by nursing and keeping alive his interest, requiring of him accuracy in all branches, there is all probability of his making an intelligent and useful citizen. There are many youths of promise in our schools. Parents watch them, encourage them, assist them, this town needs them, the coming generation is dependent upon them.

GEORGE A. HAINES	} School Board.
JOHN H. RUST	
THOMAS YOUNG	

Report of School District, No. 17.

At no time in the history of our present graded school has the year proved so unprofitable to the scholars, as the one about to close, owing to no fault of the teachers, but to the contagious disease which has prevailed and proved so fatal among the children of our village. The committee were obliged to close the schools for a time.

At the beginning of the Fall Term, all departments of the school opened with a full attendance, everything pointed to an exceptionally successful year, and the "Board of Education" deemed it necessary to employ an assistant teacher in the Primary department, but scarcely had we started in our work, when the dreaded diphtheria again made its appearance. The schools were closed for two weeks. When they were opened again, the attendance had fallen off fully one-half. The first class in the High School, was reduced to only two members.

For the present term all departments are making good progress, with a much smaller attendance than usual.

HIGH SCHOOL.

H. H. Tucker, Principal. Whole No. of different pupils registered 24. Average attendance 16.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mrs. Rosa F. Butler, Teacher. Whole No. of different pupils registered. 30. Average attendance, 21.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Mary E. Avery, Teacher. Whole No. of different pupils registered 46. Average attendance 24.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Sarah E. Haley and Miss Annie M. Brown, Teachers.
Whole No. of different pupils registered 66. Average attendance 41.

J. W. GOODWIN,

For Board of Education.

DISTRICT	Term	NAME OF TEACHER	Length of term in weeks	Wages per month	No. of scholars	Average attendance	Reading	Spelling	Pennmanship	Arithmetic	Grammar	Geography	History	Physiology	Other Studies	Pupils not absent
Pleasant Valley	1st	Etta Rust	9.	\$24	16	14	15	11	11	9	1	5	1	0	0	5
	2d	Etta Rust	7.	28	15	12	13	10	10	10	3	8				6
	3d	Hattie E Turner	7.4	28	17	15	17	13	10	13	3	9				8
So. Wolfe- borough	1st	Emma E. Bur- leigh	9.	30	30	28	30	30	18	18	4	6				15
do	2d	do	7.	34	36	34	36	36		23	6	10		1		14
do	3d	do	7.4	32	35	33	35	35	24	27	5	17		1		11
Whitton	1st	Susan M Whiton	9.	24	16	12	16	16	4	12	7	7		2		
do	2d	do	7.	28	15	11	15	15	8	12	4	6				3
do	3d	Steph'n W. Clow	7.4	28	13	10	13	13	5	11	3	10				2
Cotton- borough	1st	Alice M. Tibbetts	8.	20	19	18	19	17	12	17	5	9	2		2	11
do	2d	Hattie B Morgan	7.	24	20	17	20	19	16	19	7	8	2	2	2	2
do	3d	Arthur H Wiggln	8.4	32	25	18	25	24	10	25	8	13		2	8	
Dimon's Corner	1st	C. Florence	8.	24	14	13	14	14	14	12	5	3		5		7
do	2d	do Hayes	7.	28	14	13	14	14	10	12	5	3		5		6
do	3d	F. E. Meserve	8.4	28	18	11	18	18	11	17	7	4		7	2	3
Centre	1st	Lillian E Gilman	8.		18	15	17	14	11	13	2	7				1 5
do	2d	Thomas Young	7.	28	21	15	21	20	10	18	1	9				1 4
do	3d	do	7.4	28	22	17	22	29	19	9	4	9				1 4
Pine Hill	1st	Annette L Piper	8.	24	14	11	12	11	9	9	6	0	1	1	1	4
do	2d	Hortense Deland	7.	28	19	17	19	16	11	14	7	9	2	2		6
do	3d	C. Flor. Hayes	7.8	28	17	12	17	17	8	16	5	10	1	2		1
Goose Cor.	1st	Annie M Brown	7.	24	12	10	12	12								2
do	2d	Abbie Cate	7.	28	16	15	16	16								5
do	3d	do	9.4	28	18	15	18	18								1
Highland	1st	Evelyn C Avery	8.	18	13	11	12	13	6	9	3	5			1	1
do	2d	do	15.	24	10	9	9	10	6	7	4	5			1	1

⚡ Scholars not absent during the year, 9.

