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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Allie E. Batchelder

Town Clerk
Stella F. Batchelder

Selectmen
Allie E. Batchelder  Richard W. Murphy
Chester A. Avery

Treasurer
Stella F. Batchelder

Tax Collector
Margaret L. Avery

Road Agent
William F. Batchelder

Fire Warden
Allie E. Batchelder

Auditor
Charles R. Sargent  Margaret Murphy

Supervisors of the Checklist
William Batchelder  Margaret Avery
Hollis Downing
WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

L. S. THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said Ellsworth on Tuesday the thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of highways and bridges.
4. To determine and appoint the salaries of the town officers and make appropriation of the same.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise $48.80 to secure from the State $195.19 for Town Road Aid.
6. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town debts.
7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of real estate taken by Tax Collector’s deeds.
8. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover expense of same.
9. To see if the town will vote to have the inventory blanks distributed at the time of taking inventory.
10. To see if the town will vote to support United
States membership in a general system of international cooperation, such as that proposed at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference having police power to maintain the peace of the world.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five.

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,
CHESTER A. AVERY,
RICHARD MURPHY,
Selectmen of Ellsworth.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,
CHESTER A. AVERY,
RICHARD MURPHY,
Selectmen of Ellsworth.
INVENTORY
Real and Personal Property, April 1, 1944.

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<th>Property</th>
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<tr>
<td>Real Estate</td>
<td>$28,339.00</td>
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<td>Growing Wood and Timber</td>
<td>9,963.00</td>
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<td>Electric Equipment</td>
<td>340.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$38,642.00</strong></td>
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<td>Less Soldiers’ Exemptions</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$38,142.00</strong></td>
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TAXES LEVIED FOR ALL PURPOSES
To Defray Town Charges $300.00
Town Officers’ Salaries 170.00
Highways and Bridges 400.00
Town Road Aid 24.37
County Tax 76.73
Interest and Debts 400.00
Schools 400.00

**Total** $1,771.10

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
Receipts

From Local Sources:
From Tax Collector, 1944 Tax $1,595.10
From Tax Collector, Previous Year’s Tax 363.88

**Total** $1,958.98

From State:
T. R. A. $3.44
Class V Highway 155.40
Savings Bank Tax .45
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal Forest Land 1943 267.00
Bounties, 1943 26.50

**Total** $452.79
From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses $21.00
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1943-44 12.54
National Forest Reserve Fund 205.43
Town of Warren, Reimbursement Flood Damage 28.64
Ira H. Morse, Reimbursement Flood Damage for Rumney, Dorchester, Groton and Wentworth 109.44

Total $377.05
Total Receipts from all Sources $2,788.82
Cash on hand, February 1, 1944 65.07

Grand Total $2,853.89

Expenditures

Salaries:
Chester A. Avery, Selectman $20.00
Richard W. Murphy, Selectman 30.00
Allie E. Batchelder, Selectman 40.00
Stella F. Batchelder, Town Clerk 25.00
Stella F. Batchelder, Treasurer 25.00
Margaret L. Avery, Tax Collector 25.00
Charles R. Sargent, Auditor 1943 5.00
Richard Murphy, Selectman 1943 20.00
Margaret L. Avery, Bal. Tax Collector Salary 1943 13.00

Total $203.00

Election and Registration:
Allie Batchelder, Moderator $12.00
Stella Batchelder, Clerk 7.50
Albert Conkey, Supervisor 1943 5.00
Albert Conkey, Supervisor, ½ year 1944 2.50
Margaret Avery, Supervisor 5.00
William Batchelder, Supervisor, 1943-44 10.00

Total $42.00

Town Officers’ Expenses:
Allie Batchelder, postage, telephone and supplies $20.00
Allie Batchelder, expense to Tax Commission meeting 5.00
Chester Avery, expenses 5.60
Allie Batchelder, going over land 20.00
Richard Murphy, expenses 24.20
Edson C. Eastman, supplies 13.58
Allie Batchelder, mileage and transportation 35.86
Pemigewasset National Bank, service charge 7.93
Stella Batchelder, copying for Selectmen 20.00
Tribune Publishing Co., printing 55.55
Stella Batchelder, fees and expenses —town Clerk and Treas. 36.00
Edmund Ogden, Legal services 10.00
H. W. Noyes, Bonds 1943-44 45.73
F. J. Shores, transfers, etc. 2.31
W. B. Avery, supplies 7.71

Total $309.47

Town Hall Expenses:
H. W. Noyes, Insurance $10.00
Allie Batchelder, lock and labor 2.00

Total $12.00

Bounties $31.50

Highways and Bridges:
Summer Account $558.02
Winter Account 557.45

$1,115.47
Taxes bought by town $ 21.85
Paid Interest on Notes 104.75
Paid on Note Pemigewasset National Bank 100.00
Paid on Note, Ralph E. Avery 50.00
County Tax 76.73
Paid State Treas. Special Poll Tax 24.00
Schools 537.00

State Treasurer, T.R.A. 48.71

Total Expenditures $2,676.48

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter Account:
Allie Batchelder, labor $116.60
M. P. Hibbard Est., plowing 400.45
W. F. Batchelder, labor 38.40
A. F. Downing, hauling sand 2.00

Summer Account:
William Batchelder, labor $93.42
Chester Avery, labor 14.40
Allie Batchelder, labor, mileage and supplies 209.83
Hollis Downing, labor 39.20
A. F. Downing, truck 90.00
Richard Murphy, labor 11.50
P. S. Willey, truck and labor 37.50
Draper Corporation, plank 39.77
Waterville Inn, truck 22.40

$558.02

WILLIAM F. BATCHELDER, Road Agent

Town Clerk's Report
Received from Auto Permits $12.54
Received from dog licenses 21.00

Paid to Treasurer $33.54

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<td>STELLA F. BATCHELDER,</td>
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<td>Town Clerk.</td>
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**Tax Collector's Report**

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Taxes Committed to Collector, 1944</td>
<td>$1,809.94</td>
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<td>Collected and paid to Treasurer</td>
<td>1,595.10</td>
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<td>Uncollected as per Collector's list</td>
<td>$214.84</td>
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<td>Uncollected levy 1943</td>
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<td>Uncollected previous years</td>
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<td><strong>Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of.</strong></td>
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<td>Levy, 1943</td>
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<td>172.11</td>
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<td><strong>Total Unredeemed Taxes</strong></td>
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Assets**

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<td>Due from State:</td>
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<td>S. A. O. Account</td>
<td>$29.90</td>
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<td>T.R.A. Account</td>
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<td>Bounties</td>
<td>31.50</td>
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<td>National Forest Reserve Fund</td>
<td>247.10</td>
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<td>Reimbursement forest land</td>
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Uncollected Taxes:
Levy, 1944 $214.84
Levy, 1943 2.00
Levy, 1942 24.18
Previous years 15.68

Total Assets $1,362.17
Net Debt, Jan. 31, 1944 $2,219.23
Net Debt, Dec. 31, 1944 1,332.49

Decrease of Debt $886.74

Liabilities
Town of Campton, snow plowing $226.20
Special poll taxes uncollected, due $219.47
State when collected 15.00
Due School District, Bal. appropri- 326.00
ation
One half National Forest Reserve 123.55
fund
Unexpended balance, S.A.O. & T.R.A. 5.28
Old Age Assistance 48.63
Ralph E. Avery, note 300.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, note 900.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, note 750.00

Total Liabilities $2,694.66

I hereby certify that I have audited the foregoing accounts and find them correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES R. SARGENT,
Auditor.
HELP THE WAR EFFORT BY PREVENTING FOREST FIRES

NO ONE is exempt from helping to win the war! EVERYONE, regardless of age, has his or her place in the overall effort! Some men, because of age are called upon to bear arms; man ships, submarines and planes; minister to the injured and maintain morale. Women, in large numbers, are serving—with the armed forces as nurses and members of the several women's military organizations—WACS, WAVES, SPARS, etc. War industry has taken millions of men and women whose accomplishments have been the marvel of the world. Civilians at home are doubling up on their activities because of the shortage in manpower, purchasing bonds, assisting in numerous patriotic undertakings, maintaining home morale and, on the whole, carrying on with a cheerfulness and determination that is typically American. Yet, despite the time, thought and effort we are all putting into the war effort in general, we are, true to our peculiar American characteristics, heedless and careless about many important things and one of these is FIRE as it relates to our forests.

Much harm can be done the war effort because of our carelessness with fire. Lumber has gone to war in a BIG WAY! Our New Hampshire forests are contributing their full share in so far as manpower permits. Fire, the greatest enemy of the forests, destroys, during each of these critical years, hundreds of acres of valuable trees that could contribute to the war effort. Forest fires disrupt the war's business by taking men from their important work in industry and on the farm and reduces production of necessary war materials and food. Forest fires require the spending of much money and material that might otherwise be diverted into vital war channels. Forest fires are, for the most part, unnecessary and avoidable for ninety-eight percent of such fires are, annually, the result
of human carelessness—yours and mine. This can and should be remedied—NOW! YOU can HELP THE WAR EFFORT by PREVENTING FOREST FIRES!

The rules of the game are simple.

1. **Always** be careful with fire in or near woodlands.

2. Comply with regulations governing the use of starting of fires there.

   Remember:

   (a.) You need written permission from your local forest fire warden for debris burning fires when the ground is not covered with snow.

   (b.) Be sure your match, cigar, cigarette and pipe ashes are OUT before dropping them.

3. Be fire-minded NOW as never before; be careful; caution others to be careful; be cooperative and thus help your warden, your town, your nation and yourself!

**HELP THE WAR EFFORT by PREVENTING FOREST FIRES**

The 1944 fire record for our town is:

- Number of fires: 0
- Acreage burned: 0
- Number of permits issued: 0

ALLIE E. BATECHTLDER,
Forest Fire Warden.
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Aliie E. Batchelder  Richard W. Murphy
Margaret L. Avery

Treasurer
William F. Batchelder

Clerk
Stella F. Batchelder

Auditor
Margaret Murphy

Superintendent of Schools
Arthur S. Rollins

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Treasurer’s Report

Cash on hand, June 30, 1943  $12.04

Received from Town:

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<td>25.00</td>
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<td>Mar. 1944</td>
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<td>June 1944</td>
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Total Available for Year  $734.00

Cash Expended:

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<td>Allan McCurdy, expenses</td>
<td>$ 2.26</td>
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<td>Pomigewasset National Bank, service charge</td>
<td>5.75</td>
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<td>Allie Batchelder, expenses</td>
<td>13.00</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, Supts. excess salary</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, per capita tax</td>
<td>6.00</td>
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<td>Stella F. Batchelder, Clerk, special meeting</td>
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Allie Batchelder, Moderator, special meeting 1.50
Allie Batchelder, School Board 5.00
Margaret Avery, School Board 5.00
Richard Murphy, School Board 5.00
William Batchelder, Treasurer 5.00
Margaret Murphy, Auditor 1.50
Allie Batchelder, Moderator 1.50
Stella Batchelder, Clerk 1.50
Phoebe E. Downing, transportation 171.00
Wilbur Hall, transportation 48.00
Campton School District, tuition 428.00
Rumney School District, tuition 18.00

Total Payments $744.51
Cash on hand, June 30, 1944 $1.53

BALANCE SHEET
Balance, June 30, 1944 $ 1.53
Due from town, 1943 Appropriation 227.36

Total Assets $228.89
Liabilities, none.
Surplus $228.89

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,
RICHARD W. MURPHY,
MARGARET L. AVERY,
School Board.
WILLIAM F. BATCHELDER,
Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct in all respects.
MARGARET WEED MURPHY,
Auditor.
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**Town Clerk**

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Stella E. Batchelder*

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<th>Name of Father</th>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Sex &amp; Condition</th>
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<th>Female</th>
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<th>Years of Marriage</th>
<th>Death</th>
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Deaths Registered in the Town of Ellsworth, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1944