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TOWN OFFICERS.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor:

W. E. BRAGDON, C. J. MURCH,

E. A. WENTWORTH.

Town Clerk,
O. S. DONNELL.

Town Treasurer,
B. A. BLAISDELL.

Collector of Taxes,
E. W. HASTINGS.

Superintending School Committee:

S. S. DEBECK, T. M. BLAISDELL, S. A. BRAGDON.

Superintendents of Schools:

B. A. BLAISDELL, W. H. PATTEN.

Auditor,
T. LLOYD BLAISDELL.

Road Commissioner,
FRED A. SWAN.

Board of Health:
C. S. UNDERHILL, M. D., S. A. BRAGDON,
E. W. HASTINGS, Secretary.

Moderator,
T. M. BLAISDELL.
Janitor of Town Hall,
H. B. BRAGDON.

SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

Assessed value of resident real estate	\$231,616
non-resident real estate.....	47,451
resident personal estate.....	63,975
non-resident personal estate	9 290
Total valuation.....	<u>\$352,332</u>

Number of polls taxed, 310, at \$3 each.
not taxed, 27

Rate of taxation, \$23.70 per \$1,000.

AMOUNT ASSESSED.

For support of common schools	\$1,500 00
free high school	900 00
fuel and janitors, high school	100 00
repair of school buildings.....	225 00
school text-books	200 00
school supplies.....	100 00
support of poor.....	500 00
incidental expenses	800 00
Memorial day	25 00
highways and bridges	1,000 00
repair of sidewalks.....	100 00
graduation exercises	25 00
town note.....	1,000 00
fire wardens.....	100 00
superintendent of schools.....	150 00
maintenance of State-aid road.....	50 00
West Franklin belfry.....	25 00
Railing on road to Great Pond.....	25 00
salary of school board.....	30 00
State tax.....	1,740 27
county tax	472 63
overlays	212 36
Total.....	<u>\$9,280 26</u>

Amount assessed on polls.....	\$930 00
property	<u>8,350,26</u>
	<u>\$9,280 26</u>

W. E. BRAGDON,
C. J. MURCH,
E. A. WENTWORTH,
Assessors.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR--TOWN PAUPER ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town	\$ 500 00
Received U S pension to Mrs Priscilla Dwelley	144 00
State " " "	48 00
for W E Clark, notes and interest.....	268 00
	<u>\$960 00</u>
Overdrawn in 1914 reported by selectmen.....	\$ 64 67
not reported by selectmen ...	150 00
	<u>214 67</u>
Total real overdraw in 1914.....	
Total resources.....	<u>\$745 33</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. N R Collar, board of W E Clark	\$ 31 71
Mrs Nancy Smith, board, Mrs Dwelley 1914,	97 00
1915,	57 50
C S Underhill, prof services to paupers.....	13 75
medicine "	30 00
Mrs E A Grindle, board of Mrs Olive Rutter,	111 00
Mrs P Dwelley ..	200 00
Mrs C E Smith, board of W E Clark	140 14
Mrs Hattie Sargent, board Mrs Rutter, 1914,	81 50
I Sumner Bragg, M D, prof services to Mrs	
Rutter, 1914.....	42 50
S S DeBeck, M D, medicine to paupers.....	15 60
W E Bragdon, supplies to Mrs Dwelley and	
Mrs Rutter.....	4 20
W E Bragdon, supplies to Albert Jewett.....	10 61
J S Doyle " "	4 96
Town of Sullivan, supplies to Albert Jewett	50 99
Hattie Tracy 1914	50 52
1915	41 01
Maurice Tracy	23 79
	<u>1,006 78</u>
Total expenditures	
Overdrawn to date.....	<u>\$261 45</u>

A full explanation of this account and the causes of a large overdraw will be made at the annual meeting. Voters are requested to bring the printed report to the meeting.

W. E. BRAGDON,
C. J. MURCH,
E. A. WENTWORTH,
Overseers of the Poor.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amt raised by town	\$800 00
Rec'd of O C Havey, temporary loan H S furnace.....	125 00
Hannah Harriman, burial expenses Geo Tracy	40 30
State treasurer, dog license refunded.....	35 41
E W Hastings, coll, Wesley Clark tax and expenses...	7 10
D C Donnell, pool room license	10 00
H L Fernald, " "	10 00
State treasurer, burial of soldiers and widows	105 00
Richard Hastings, moving picture license	1 00
State treasurer, R R and tel tax.....	3 75
E H Goss, auctioneer license.....	1 00
hall rent	185 75
Amount raised for salary supt of schools	150 00
of overlays	212 36
of supplemental tax.....	43 43
raised for salary of school board.....	30 00
fire wards	100 00
graduating class 1915.....	25 00
West Franklin belfry.....	25 00
Great Pond rail job.....	25 00
in 1914 for high school yard and unexpended...	50 00
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	\$1,985 10
Overdrawn in 1914.....	\$245 27
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Total resources.....	\$1,739 83

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. P T Clark, services as selectman, 1914.....	\$48 00
F L Swan, janitor of hall.....	54 97
C S Underhill, M D:	
Fumigating house of Frank Bragdon.....	12 75
Ernest Bragdon.....	9 25
George Linscott.....	9 25
E W Perkins.....	5 00
Mrs Stella Butler.....	11 75
Chas Bradbury	3 00
Harvey Bragdon.....	3 00
B A Blaisdell, services as supt of schools....	50 00
town treasurer....	50 00
W B Clow, lumber for high school yard	19 64
A C Williams, destroying brown-tail moths,	8 75
W H Lawrie, labor on high school walk	3 72

E A Wentworth, services as 3rd selectman, 29 1-4 days	73 12
A B Fernald, team to supt of schools.....	4 50
B A Blaisdell, expense as supt of schools....	5 76
W E Tracy, maintenance of watering trough,	5 00
C J Murch, services as 2d selectman, 32 days.	80 00
auto to Ellsworth.....	2 00
team to Sullivan.....	1 50
repairs town hall	1 65
C S Underhill, M D. prof services to George Linscott	28 00
W E Bragdon, as 1st selectman, 41 1-4 days..	123 75
postage	1 50
fare to Bangor.....	2 10
team to Sullivan	1 00
Hannah Harriman, amt recd from State treasurer, burial expenses, George Tracy..	35 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, sup to selectmen,	14 90
Mrs Abby J Dunn, chickens killed.....	4 00
E W Hasting, "	4 55
H G Somes, "	2 80
Maynard Hodgkins, "	10 00
H E Hodgkins, "	9 00
Mrs Galen Orcutt, "	3 50
W H Patten, services as supt of schools	100 00
O S Donnell, services as town clerk.....	30 46
W H Patten, expenses as supt of schools ...	4 62
H B Bragdon, burial exp, Gilbert Crabtree..	35 00
E E Scammon, chickens killed.....	10 00
C M Conant Co, road machine	133 16
H L Fernald, services as constable.....	1 50
Ira E McGown, chickens killed	2 95
E A Wentworth, conveyance, Mrs Rutter....	6 00
Mrs Samuel Savage, chickens killed	7 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies to town,	2 90
Nelson Pomroy, chickens killed	7 00
J W Clark, "	5 00
Mrs N A Smith, "	4 50
Burrill National Bank, interest on note.....	3 91
W B Blaisdell & Co, furnace for high school,	125 00
O W Bragdon, chickens killed	2 50
Mrs A W Bunker, "	3 85
H B Bragdon, janitor hall.....	18 00
E W Hastings, coll, percentage for collecting \$468.52, 1914 commitment	14 06

C E Dwelly, burial expenses Mrs Woodworth,	35 00
H B Bragdon, repairs on hall	80
E W Hastings, coll, expenses on 3 tax deeds.	6 51
taxes paid by him on Ly-	
sander Hooper property	9 64
services on board of health...	11 42
Hancock Co Pub Co, printing reports 1914 ..	28 35
Interest on loans, Union Trust Co	94 46
B A Blaisdell, expenses as treasurer	4 64
S A Bragdon, services on board of health....	5 25
" school board	10 00
expenses "	50
S S DeBeck, expenses school board	2 61
services "	10 00
reporting births and deaths ...	7 25
T M Blaisdell, services on school board	10 00
moderator 1915	3 00
auto hire and expenses school	
board	10 50
W E Bragdon, supplies to tramps	1 48
9 1-2 ft wood for lockup	3 56
supplies for hall	7 35
F P Gott, supplies for hall and board of health,	1 94
W E Bragdon, fire bills, Beechland road	1 60
W E Bragdon, fire bills, Egypt	6 45
E A Wentworth, fire bills, E Franklin	1 00
Z L Wilbur, cedar rails, W Franklin rail job,	3 00
F A Swan, labor, W Franklin rail job	12 00
F P Coombs, labor W Franklin rail job	4 37
F L Swan, " "	87
W E Bragdon, 15 lbs nails "	60
R E Rankin, bar of iron, "	36
Margaret Fraser, treasurer graduating class..	25 00
Geo Linscott, labor and material, West	
Franklin belfry	25 00
J W Fickett, repairs hall stove	50
L C Bragdon, supplies for hall	3 43
H B Bragdon, burial exp, Asenath Springer..	35 00
E W Hastings, percentage for collecting	
\$8,200 at 3 per cent	246 00
W B Blaisdell & Co, supplies for hall	1 05
A B Fernald, team to selectmen	6 50
H P Blaisdell, supplies to selectmen	73
T Lloyd Blaisdell, auditing books	2 00
E W Hastings, coll, abatements	43 40
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Overdrawn to date	903 24
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	\$163 41
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REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town.....	\$100 00	
Unexpended balance 1914.....	37 39	
Total resources.....		\$137 39

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. C H Sprague, labor and material.....	\$30 62	
W H Lawrie, labor.....	31 25	
W B Lawrie, lumber.....	66	
A C Williams, labor.....	7 50	
F S Cousins ".....	2 50	
W E Savage, ".....	2 00	
F P Coombs, labor with team.....	1 37	
Harry Hardison, labor.....	2 00	
S S Scammon, lumber.....	50 78	
F A Gordon, labor with team.....	13 32	
W E Bragdon, nails.....	5 96	
L C Bragdon, nails.....	1 16	
W L Butler, labor with team.....	6 13	
		155 25
Overdrawn.....		\$17 86

STATE AID HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amt raised by town.....	\$50 00	
apportioned by State.....	69 85	
unexpended balance 1914.....	22 53	
Total resources.....		\$142 38

EXPENDITURES.

Pd A B Jellison, labor with team 6 days	\$24 00	
F H Bragdon, " 4 "	16 00	
G F Springer, " 7 "	28 00	
F A Swan, " 8 "	24 00	
C E Dwelley, " 3 "	12 00	
C A Dyer, labor 7 days	12 25	
George B Bunker, " 6 days	10 50	
Everard Cousins, " 3 1-2 days	6 12	
Amos C Williams, " 7 hrs.....	1 36	
L A Bunker, gravel.....	3 50	
Unexpended in 1915	4 65	
		142 38

MEMORIAL DAY.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town	\$25 00
Unexpended balance 1914.....	16 57
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	\$41 57

EXPENDITURES.

Pd J D Perkins, commander E C D West post...	\$15 41
Unexpended balance 1915.....	26 16
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	41 57

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

FRED A. SWAN, Commissioner

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town	\$1,000 00
Overlays in 1914	24 38
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Total resources.....	\$975 62

EXPENDITURES

Pd. Ralph Bunker, labor and team.....	\$ 5 62
W T Havey, " 30 1-2 hours.....	5 64
J R Swan, " with team 36 hours....	11 00
" " 54 hours....	10 50
Hannah Harriman, gravel.....	3 05
C H Bunker, labor 40 hours.....	7 78
Henry Tracy, " with team 18 hours.....	5 50
Henry Bunker, labor 18 hours.....	3 50
A B Jellison, labor with team 159 1-2 hrs,	70 89
Alvin Jellison, " 63 "	12 25
Frank Bragdon, " 1912	2 00
Robert Phillips, " 145 1-2 hrs.....	38 01
F A Swan, " with team, 758 hrs....	252 79
Fred Bunker, " 150 hrs.....	29 17
Coleman Dyer, " 260 1-2 hrs.....	53 85
Wilson Bunker, " 36 hrs.....	7 00
C E Stover, " 18 hrs.....	3 50
Forrest Bunker, " 76 hrs	14 87
George Orr, " 36 hrs.....	11 00
L A Bunker, gravel	13 62
Morris Lalley, labor, 68 1-2 hrs	13 32
F P Coombs, labor with team, 25 hours....	7 64
F A Gordon, "	34 32
Calvin Dyer, " 18 hours.....	3 50

A C Williams, labor 45 hours	8 75
E B Gay, " with team, 43 hours.....	23 89
horses, 4 1-2 hours.....	2 00
Fred Abbott, labor, 27 hours.....	5 25
Arthur Robertson, labor with team, 12 hours,	3 67
Frank Bragdon, " 60 1-2 hrs,	26 89
Charles Hardison, labor, 18 hours	3 50
Sumner Abbott, labor 27 hours.....	5 25
Fred Bunker, labor with team, 100 hours	30 56
F W West, labor, 16 hours	3 11
F W West, labor with team, 9 hours....	2 75
C E Dwyer, " 129 1-4 hrs,	57 78
Fred Fernald, " 17 hrs.....	3 31
Earl Clark, " 11 1-2 hrs	2 24
Lester Bunker, " 36 hrs.....	7 00
I C Moore, gravel	5 00
E A Wentworth, labor with team, 14 hrs....	4 43
removing rock.....	5 0
Frank Bragdon, gravel.....	2 60
J G Wentworth, labor of horse, 13 1-2 hrs...	1 50
Erastus Bunker, labor, 18 hrs.....	3 50
Amos Clark, " 16 hrs.....	3 11
Seth R Scammons, labor with team 13 1-2	
hours.....	4 12
George Hooper, labor 9 hrs.....	1 75
George F Springer, labor with team 59 hrs..	26 22
C S Cousins, labor 53 hrs.....	10 31
Austin Williams, gravel and bridgepole	3 20
labor with team 45 hrs.....	20 00
R H Williams, labor 32 hours.....	6 22
E J Rollins, " 18 hours.....	3 50
Everett Morse, " with team 27 hours...	8 24
G S Hardison, " 10 hours.....	1 95
Homer Urann, " 36 hours.....	7 00
Horatio Hardison, " 18 hours.....	3 50
Everard Cousins, " 9 hours.....	1 75
Walter L Fernald, gravel	3 15
F L Swan, labor 22 1-2 hours.....	4 38
Geo H Bunker, " 36 hours.....	7 00
Francis Wilbur, " 30 hours.....	5 83
S S Scammon, lumber	25 76
Frank Hodgkins, labor 3 hours.....	58
J A Gordon, gravel	4 25
Geo Madison, labor with team 23 hours	9 81
Edward Phillips, labor 22 1-2 hours.....	4 37
gravel.....	40

Gerald Coombs, labor 7 hours	1 36
Hamlin Gordon, " 4 1-2 hours.....	87
Arthur Varnum, " 38 hours.....	11 61
J N Swan, " 67 1-2 hours.....	13 12
Arthur Crabtree, " 22 1-2 hours.....	4 37
Orcutt & Bradbury, sharpening tools	50
Millard French, labor, 9 hours.....	1 75
George Madison, bridge poles.....	50
R E Rankin, work on road machine.....	2 00
J B Bunker, labor, 4 1-2 hours.....	87
W E Bragdon, nails, grease and oil.....	1 07
J W Fickett, blacksmith work.....	8 95
L C Bragdon, material.....	1 39
C J Murch, nails.....	20
L A Bunker, labor with team, 176 hours ..	53 77
F P Coombs, " 43 " ..	6 51
Geo B Bunker, labor, 184 hours.....	35 97
Hannah Harriman, gravel	2 25
Total expenditures.....	<u>1,137 26</u>
Total amount overdrawn to date	<u>\$161 64</u>

GOOD ROADS DAY.

In response to a desire of several citizens of the town a "Good Roads Day" was observed in two sections of the town, at the village and at West Franklin. The following is a report of the work done in each place, giving names of those who gave their services and value of labor. It is suggested by the selectmen that a "Good Roads Days" be observed annually in different sections of the town, and a report made to the town at each annual meeting in March of the results accomplished.

WEST FRANKLIN WORK, MAY 25, 1915.

Hauled and spread 28 loads of gravel on a piece of road which the commissioner had shaped with the new road machine. Length of road graveled, 336 feet.

Names of those who gave their services, and cost if they had been paid by town :

Frank Bradbury, 1 day.....	\$1 75
R H Williams, "	1 75
E J Rollins, "	1 75
Forrest Coombs, "	1 75
Harold Wooster, with team, 1 day.....	2 75
Henry Billings, " 3 hours.....	1 00

Fred McKenzie, 1-2 day.....	88
E W Hastings, 1 day.....	1 75
Richard Hastings, "	1 75
E E Coombs, team	1 50
Total.....	<u>\$16 63</u>

E. W. HASTINGS, Chairman of Committee.
FRANK BRADBURY, Overseer of Work.

VILLAGE WORK, May 29, 1915.

Graded with road machine and partly graveled from residence of Mrs Addie Dunn to residence of Eben Smith.

Names of those who gave their services, and cost if they had been paid by town:

Fred A Swan,	with team 1 day.....	\$3 00
E B Gay,	"	4 00
A B Jellison,	"	4 00
Elisha Fernald,	" 4 hours.....	1 38
H P Blaisdell,	"	1 38
W E Bragdon,	1-2 day.....	87
R S Gay,	1 day.....	1 75
Norman Dyer,	"	1 75
C H Sprague,	"	1 75
W H Lawrie,	"	1 75
I F Butler,	"	1 75
Cole Dyer,	"	1 75
B A Blaisdell, 1-2 day.....		87
Total.....		<u>\$26 00</u>

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Franklin Board of Health met on April 17, 1915. The following officers were elected:

President, Samuel A Bragdon; health officer, C S Underhill, M D; secretary, E W Hastings.

Number of meetings held during the year, 6; contagious diseases reported for year, 16; complaints investigated, 21; houses fumigated, 9.

E. W. HASTINGS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR, 1915.

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS, RESIDENT.

William E Abbott	\$37 96	Oliver W Bragdon	22 55
Edgar W Billings	10 61	Henry H Billings	10 00
Charles C Butler	10 52	Lafayette Butler	14 61
Harvey E Bunker	3 00	Arthur W Bunker	11 11
Lottie Tyler Bunker	42 68	Fred E Blaisdell	9 57
Eunice A Blaisdell	6 68	John W Blaisdell	5 96
Melvina Brown	5 33	Fred Brown	3 00
George Brown	3 00	John M Benson	3 00
Wesley A Clark	3 00	Leonard Clark	11 41
Frank M Clark	3 00	Emery Coulson	10 35
Jennie E Crabtree	2 01	Seth H Crabtree	13 67
Walter P Crabtree	3 00	Laura A Coombs	15 52
Pearl Coombs	3 00	Geo B Coombs	3 00
Henry Clayton	2 00	Joseph E Dunn, est	19 63
Fred G Doyle	3 00	Alice Eldridge	4 74
Walter and Elmer Fernald	5 51	Elmer C Fernald	16 27
John Farnsworth	3 00	Fred Frazier	3 00
Rufus Gordon, heirs	14 81	Annie M Gordon	6 04
Judson A Gordon	20 32	W H and J A Gordon	7 11
Hamlin A Gordon	2 13	Harry Goodwin	3 55
Mortimer Goodwin	12 48	Howard Hodgkins	3 10
Frank A Hodgkins	8 16	John W Hardison	15 99
Geo S Hardison	21 34	Benjamin Homer	3 00
Eastman Hutchins	7 86	Henry Hutchins	3 00
Mrs Julia Hutchins	23 59	Oscar Harriman	7 74
Mrs Hannah Harriman	8 30	Chas F Harriman	3 00
George C Harriman	3 00	Freeman Harriman	4 55
Henry M Jellison	6 30	Mrs Ella Jellison	3 89
Mrs Sadie and A B Jellison	5 09	Albert Murray	3 00
I C Morse	24 44	Oliver L Newman	40 05
Mrs Mary J Orcutt	13 51	George Orr	12 85
Edward Phillips	2 29	Annie Pherson, estate	24 74
Bert Scammon	5 01	Gleason Scammon	3 10
Nason C Springer	3 73	Lewis F Springer	89 43
Samuel H Savage	16 50	Lewis A Shuman	6 87
Seldon S Smith	4 42	Wm E Tracy	12 12
Austin J Williams	4 90	Mrs Lottie Williams	12 33
Elwood Wentworth	3 00	Geo Wentworth, estate	19 67
Judith Wentworth, heirs	26 35	John Wentworth, estate	3 00
Bartlett Wallace	5 48	Francis Wilbur	7 48
Carl Woodworth	3 00		
			<hr/> \$868 31

NON-RESIDENT.

Wm Ash	\$ 24	John Adams, heirs	2 37
Frank S Bracy	8 29	Linwood Coombs, heirs	95
Willis E Dunn	17 78	Thomas Ewing	1 78
J B and Madison Gordon	7 11	Geo A Goodwin	2 37
Russell Gordon, estate	2 37	Alonzo G Gordon	3 36
McNaughton heirs	2 72	Geo Watson, heirs	2 37
Elwin L Wilbur	3 06	Sarah F Maker	1 52
			<u>\$56 29</u>
Commitment year 1915			\$9,280 26
Amount deposited with town treasurer.. ..			8,355 66
Uncollected taxes year 1915.....			<u>\$ 924 60</u>

E. W. HASTINGS, Collector.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1915			
Mch	1	Balance on hand March 1, 1915.....	\$ 41 44
		Rec'd of Hannah Harriman, burial George Tracy..	40 30
		Willard Clark, note.....	53 00
		selectmen, temporary loan.....	1,825 00
		hall rent, 1915.....	185 75
		State treasurer, dog licenses.....	35 41
		equalization fund.....	250 00
		common school fund.....	744 25
		school mill fund	1,136 56
		R R and tel tax.....	3 75
		State-aid maintenance	87 73
		free high school.....	500 00
		burial soldiers	105 00
		State pensions.....	459 00
		E W Hastings, W Clark abatement 1914	4 90
		expenses W Clark advertisement.....	2 20
		W E Bragdon, pool room license.....	20 00
		moving picture license.....	1 00
		town clerk, dog licenses.....	59 00
		selectmen, auctioneer's license.....	1 00
		B A Blaisdell guardian P Dwelley pension	108 00
"	"	"	36 00
		R E Stevens, seat broken H S.....	6 00
		Union Trust Co, rebate on interest	5 95

selectmen W Clark note	215 00
E W Hastings, coll 1914.....	464 39
1915	8,355 66
	<u>\$14,746 29</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pd. State tax 1915.....	\$1,740 27
county tax 1915.....	472 63
Union Trust Co, temporary loan.....	1,500 00
interest on temporary loan,	100 41
State treasurer, State-aid construction.....	50 00
dog tax licenses 1915.....	59 00
State pensions.....	459 00
selectmen's orders 1914 bill	505 93
1915 "	9,776 06
Cash and tax deeds to balance	82 99
	<u>\$14,746 29</u>

FINANCIAL STANDING.

LIABILITIES.

Due Union Trust Co, temporary loan.....	\$1,200 00
on outstanding orders.....	424 75
for text-books	268 00
O C Havey, money loaned for furnace	125 00
	<u>\$2,017 75</u>

ASSETS.

Due from E W Hastings, collector 1914	\$ 27 51
1915.....	924 60
State, burial soldier.....	35 00
chickens killed.....	76 65
Cash and tax deeds in hand.....	82 99
Balance against the town	871 00
	<u>\$2,017 75</u>

Respectfully submitted,
B. A. BLAISDELL,
Town Treasurer.

February 29, 1916.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the treasurer's books, and find them properly kept, with vouchers for every payment. I have also examined the selectmen's books and find them O. K., with proper records for all transactions of money expended.

Respectfully submitted,
T. LLOYD BLAISDELL.

Franklin, March 1, 1916.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

DOG LICENSES.

Number male dogs licensed	in 1915 at \$1 each,	46....	\$46 00
female dogs incapable	" "	3....	3 00
capable	" \$5	2....	10 00
Whole number dogs licensed.....			51....
June 16, Pd B A Blaisdell, treasurer			\$59 00

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

Following is a list of births returned to this office during the year 1915:

Jan	8—	To Calvin A and Hazel Hardison Dyer, a daughter.
	11	Lyman J and Bessie Jordan Wilbur, a daughter.
	27	Charles S and Bernice Dunn Underhill a daughter.
	29	Gerald E and Edna Clark Coombs, a son.
Fcb	13	Thomas W and Cassie Dickey Grindle, a son.
	21	Henry H and Myrtle Fickett Billings, a son.
Mar	4	Bailey H and Linnie Springer Dyer, a daughter.
	14	Clyde and Hazel Bragdon Robertson, a daughter.
April	15	Henry P and Hazel Tracy Bradbury, a daughter.
	19	Jamie M and Rena Pottle Brown, a son.
May	2	Orin B and Mildred Martin Scammon, a son.
June	4	Walter L and Lydia Whittaker Fernald, a daughter.
	14	Harvey E and Blanche Bragdon Bunker, a daughter.
July	25	Everard and Lucy Adams Wentworth, a daughter.
Aug	2	Fred and Zelphia Coombs Gray, a son.
	28	Foster and Evelyn Coombs Marston, a son.
	29	Stanley D and Lillian Harriman Lawrie, a daughter.
Oct	9	Freeman and Gertrude Gordon Harriman, a son.
	11	H E and Helen Conley Hardison, a daughter.
	29	Atwood E and Josie Abbott Merchant, a son.
Nov	3	Ira E and Grace Tracy McGown, a son.
	7	Hamlin A and Annie Hooper Gordon, a daughter.
	10	Percy W and Jessie Long DeBeck, a son.
	29	J Willard and Avis Murch Foss, a daughter.
Dec	4	Harry A and Nellie Butler Clark, a son.
	11	John W and Cassie Coombs Farnsworth, a daughter.

Marriages.

Received and recorded at the town clerk's office during the year 1915, as follows:

Jan 2 At Franklin by W H Dunham, Miss Lucy Evelyn Goss and O C Havey, both of Franklin.

- Jan 5 At Ellsworth, by T S Ross, Miss Lettie C Carter, of Brooklin, Me., and John H Patten, of Franklin.
- Feb 6 At Franklin, by W H Dunham, Miss Rena T King, of Franklin, and Allen Conary, of Seal Harbor.
- Feb 27 At Franklin, by W H Dunham, Miss Ethel May Hooper and James Russel Swan, both of Franklin.
- March 6 At Franklin, by W H Dunham, Miss Charlotte M Macomber, of Franklin, and Clarence C Hopkins, of Eden.
- March 20 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Georgia S Morse, of Franklin, and Harry Foster Lincoln, of Dennysville, Me.
- April 5 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Marion B Bartlett and Elwood M DeMeyer, both of Eastbrook.
- April 14 At Bangor, by Richard H Moyle, Miss Julia W Macomber, of Franklin, and Harvey E Robertson, of Sullivan.
- April 14 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Gladys Viola Butler and Harry Doane Clark, both of Franklin.
- April 18 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Josie V Abbott and Atwood E Merchant, both of Franklin.
- July 6 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Rosa Linda Tracy and Irving O Rollins, both of Franklin.
- July 31 At Portland, by H T Waterhouse, Miss Ethel I Springer, of Hancock, and Pearl W Springer, of Franklin.
- July 12, 1914 At Brattleboro, Vt, by Carl S Hopkins, Miss Freda Mae Bragdon and Leonard R Hilgrove, both of Franklin. (Return was received and recorded at this office Sept 16, 1915.)
- Oct 16 At Steuben, by Howard D French, Miss Myrtle M Follett, of Steuben, and Bernard H Sinclair, of Franklin.
- Nov 6 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Sara E Hall and Earl E Havey, both of Sullivan.
- Dec 11 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Dora Marie Hooper, of Franklin, and William T Fernald, of Gouldsboro.
- Dec 13 At Ellsworth, by Rev P A A Killam, Miss Leila L Merchant, of Hancock, and Stanley U Gordon, of Franklin.
- Dec 25 At Franklin, by Gideon Mayo, Miss Lorena Carlotta Ryder, of Franklin, and Jotham S Buzzell, 2d, of Cherryfield.

Deaths.

The following list of deaths was received and recorded at this office during the year 1915:

At Franklin—Jan 29, of infantile weakness, unnamed infant of Dr and Mrs C S Underhill, aged two days.

- At Franklin—Jan 30, of aortic stenosis, Mrs Priscilla A Crabtree, aged 67 years.
- At Franklin—Mar 6, of hepatic cirrhosis, Mrs Sarah J Bunker, aged 69 years, 3 months, 15 days.
- At Franklin—March 14, stillborn, unnamed infant of Mr and Mrs Clyde Robertson.
- At Franklin—March 29, of chronic organic heart disease, Roscoe Bragdon, aged 49 years, 2 months, 26 days.
- At Franklin—April 5, of pneumonia, Reginald Victor Billings, aged 1 month, 15 days.
- At Franklin—April 17, of acute miliary phthisis, Allan Hill Bragdon, aged 16 years, 10 months, 8 days.
- At Franklin—May 4, of paresis, John H Patten, aged 57 years, 3 months, 10 days.
- At Franklin—May 22, of mitral stenosis, Mrs Sarah A Mullen, aged 76 years, 3 months, 15 days.
- At Franklin—Aug 28, of gastritis, Gilbert D Crabtree, aged 83 years, 2 months, 20 days.
- At Franklin—Oct 4, of apoplexy, Mrs Frances B Dyer, aged 79 years, 7 months, 15 days.
- At Lawrence, Mass—Oct 7, of aortic regurgitation, Mrs Flora French Johnson, aged 56 years, 7 months, 13 days.
- At Franklin—Oct 22, of suicide by hanging, David Willis Bonzey, aged 67 years.
- At Franklin—Oct 30, of pulmonary tuberculosis, Miss Alice A Butler, aged 28 years, 4 days.
- At Bangor—Dec 1, of cerebral convulsions, Mrs Carrie M Holbrook, aged 36 years, 10 months.
- At Bangor—Dec 4, of endocarditis, Miss Jane H Graves, aged 64 years.
- At Franklin—Dec 5, of acute indigestion, George Sewell Hardison, aged 64 years, 10 months, 19 days.
- At Franklin—Dec 11, stillborn, unnamed infant of Mr and Mrs John W Farnsworth.
- At Franklin—Dec 14, of pulmonary tuberculosis, Mrs Victoria M Perkins, aged 42 years, 9 months, 11 days.
- At Franklin—Dec 17, of septicaemia following gun shot wound, Hillard Judson Gordon, aged 12 years, 4 months, 6 days.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. DONNELL, Town Clerk.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

*To the Superintending School Committee of the Town
of Franklin:*

In presenting my annual report as superintendent of the Franklin schools, I wish to thank you as members of the S. S. Committee for your support and helpfulness in the school work, which has been a source of continued good will between us. Also to Mr. B. A. Blaisdell, the former superintendent, I owe much for his assistance at the beginning of my term of service, and for the excellent condition in which I found the school work.

The citizens of the town have given their support to the schools in a hearty and sincere manner; their criticisms have been few and nearly always in a friendly way, and for this the school officials and teachers must always feel grateful. Here, we may say that the citizenship of any municipality can easily make or mar the efficiency of the school system, by unkind and unfriendly criticism of the teachers and the methods of work, on the one hand, and by cordial co-operation on the other. The ideal condition is reached when the parents and patrons of the school become interested in the system and acquainted with the teachers enough to understand their ways of reaching the pupils, so as to render effective aid in securing the sympathy of the children for the efforts of the teachers. Every school should be a place where the parents may meet their children in the presence of the teacher, without restraint on the part of either, and may inspect the work with cordial feeling.

ATTENDANCE.

There are enrolled in the common schools, 193 pupils. The average attendance has generally been good except during a part of the winter term, when there was much illness, and absences were unavoidable.

In a few instances children have been kept at home contrary to the dictate and intention of the law concerning compulsory school attendance. This law has been made by our legislature with the purpose of preventing the rearing of children in ignorance, and with a wise foresight for the conservation of our citizenship. Illiteracy follows a lack of education in the public schools, it breeds pauperism and crime.

Moreover, to expend money on the school system and provide a place to educate the children, and allow them freedom from attendance is very poor business economy.

Our school law provides that every child between the age of seven and fifteen years shall attend the public school every day such school is in session, unless excused for good and sufficient reason. This law should be enforced for the good of the child and not to bring hardship upon anyone.

Truant officers should be elected in every town, and they should become conversant with the law concerning school attendance. The law provides that such officers shall insist that pupils of school age attend school every day, unless hindered by sickness. Such enforcement of law would soon increase the attendance, and greatly add to the efficiency of the work.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study now in use in the grades is too explicit in its direction as to the manner and method of teaching, and I recommend that a course be introduced

which will give an outline by topics. There is no text-book used in common school work which can be taken up completely, page by page, without seriously hindering the teacher in her method of instruction, and, at the same time, confusing the pupils.

Not enough attention has been given to the essentials of reading and writing in the first three grades, and too much number work has been taught in these grades. The child in the early part of his school course may be given any amount of reading which time provides for, and may be instructed in the formation of the letters in writing without overtaxing his mental energies; and when he has reached the third grade he may be given a large amount of number work, which he will then grasp easily, and make rapid advancement.

So far as the manner of teaching a subject is concerned, it is well to give the teacher liberty of action; since no two teachers will be likely to do their work in the same way, and to attempt to force a unified method will probably reduce the efficiency of both. The test of good teaching is not the carrying out of a "hobby"; but the obtaining of results, which show in the development of the child.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Your text-books are modern and many of them in good condition. The problem presented in distributing free text-books to the pupils is one of the most perplexing that confronts us in school management. It is hardly possible to provide pupils with text-books and supplies for less than \$1.25 per capita annually. In fact, no parent can supply his child, beginning with the first grade and continuing through the high school, with text-books and paper for examinations and composition only for that sum per year. They are supplied at public expense for that

sum for two reasons, because the books may be used from four to six years, and because a considerable discount is given to towns and private schools by the book companies.

An unfortunate condition exists in the finances of your text-book and supply department, due to neglect in past years.

A statement of old book bills contracted in 1913-1915 follows:

Ginn & Co.....	\$117.79
American Book Co.....	81 45
Edward E Babb & Co	13 42
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	48 15
Newell White.....	7 25
Total.....	\$268 06

If these bills were paid and a proper appropriation made for the coming year, the slate would be clean and the finances could be put upon a sound basis.

TEACHERS.

The following teachers were elected to the several schools for the year 1915-16:

South Bay district—Sadie Lawrie.

East Franklin Grammar—Rena Rollins.

Primary—Feodora Woodworth.

Ryefield Grammar—Adah Savage.

Primary—Rosie Bowden.

Franklin Grammar—Verna Eaton.

Primary—Marcia Bragdon.

Georges Pond district—Lorene Ryder.

Beechland district—Nancy H. Smith.

West Franklin Grammar—Hester A. Clark.

Primary—Estella Dyer.

Egypt district—Lola Dyer.

At the close of the fall term, Miss Ryder resigned from the Georges Pond school, and Miss Marion Goss

was elected to the vacancy. Fortunately for the work, no other changes have been made. I commend to your thoughtful consideration the good work of your staff of teachers, and recommend that an increase be made in the salaries of those teaching in the primary grades and in the three mixed schools.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Your high school has an enrollment of 63, which is a large attendance when compared with the number of pupils enrolled in the common schools. The advantages of a high school training are becoming more and more apparent to the people of all towns. The demand for a high school diploma as a certificate of fitness for employment has forced the issue, until young men realize that if they are to obtain a position in the commercial world they must first obtain a high school education.

A very small number of those attending your school will ever go to college, and a comparatively small number will ever go to higher institutions of learning at all, so they must enter upon the business of life with what training they receive at the home school. In whatever business they may engage, the advantage of a commercial training cannot be overestimated. Every young man should be able to approach the business which he has chosen for a life work with a clear understanding of its problems. He can hardly do this without a knowledge of business forms and bookkeeping. I believe it would be a profitable investment for the town to install a commercial course in the high school, and I urge it upon your attention.

I would also commend the work of the teachers in the school during this present year, who have given excellent satisfaction, and maintained a high standard of scholarship among the pupils.

Through you I would urge upon the citizens of the town of Franklin the duty of continuing a liberal patron-

age of the school system ; because nothing is too good for the boys and girls of your town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PATTEN.

ORDERS DRAWN FROM COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

1915			
Mch	18	Mrs Alonzo Wilbur	\$24 00
	23	Maynard Jellison	4 50
Apr	7	Franklin Foss	2 50
	24	E E Scammon	29 00
		"	10 00
		Sumner Abbott	15 50
	26	F P Gott	25 00
May	8	Meta Springer	33 00
	20	Marvel Wentworth	9 60
		Alonzo Wilbur	12 00
	31	Leslie Clark	3 00
June	29	Beatrice Gordon	40 00
	25	Meta Springer	77 00
		Rosie Bowden	71 00
		Feodora Woodworth	80 00
		Verna Eaton	110 00
		Hazel Clark	80 00
		Beulah Hooper	80 00
	25	Stella Dyer	70 00
		Hester Clark	110 00
		Marion Coombs	110 00
		Beatrice Gordon	30 40
		Josie Merchant	63 00
		Hannah Harriman	50 00
July	2	Paul Bunker	5 00
		Marion Coombs	20 00
	3	Milo Clark	5 00
		Lewis Gordon	5 00
	7	Leslie Clark	2 00
	15	Nancy Smith	81 00
Aug	9	George Bragdon	5 00
	14	Maynard Jellison	2 00
	27	C E Dwelley	5 63
Oct	1	September teachers' roll	324 00

Nov 2	October teachers' roll	432 00
	Fred S Bunker.....	36 25
	Donald Gordon.....	5 50
	Stanley Cousins.....	4 50
	William Scammon	2 50
	E A Woodworth	15 75
30	George Bragdon.....	6 00
	Richard Bragdon.....	5 00
	Clyde Bragdon.....	6 00
	November teachers' roll.....	506 00
Dec 31	Donald Gordon.....	6 00
	Merle Cousins.....	5 00
	George Bragdon.....	3 00
	Morris E Darling.....	9 00
	Arthur Gordon.....	5 75
	Maynard Jellison.....	2 50
	Hannah Harriman	60 00
1916		
Feb 1	January teachers' roll.	432 00
18	George Bradbury.....	90
	T M Blaisdell.....	1 50
	T M Blaisdell.....	24 50
23	February teachers' roll	408 00
	S S Scammon	3 20
	Clyde Bragdon.....	6 00
	Milo B Clark.....	6 00

ORDERS DRAWN FROM THE REPAIR FUND.

1915.		
Mar 18	Mrs Alonzo Wilbur	\$ 1 00
April 7	C E Knight	1 00
May 8	W H Lawrie.....	2 16
31	E K Bragdon.....	75
June 8	J M Clark	1 50
Aug 25	Everett Moore.....	75
31	F B Aiken.....	8 75
Sept 20	C H Sprague.....	49 18
Oct 1	Adelia Bunker	5 00
Nov 4	Mrs A L McNeil.....	6 00
	Lena Cousins	3 50
	C H Sprague.....	15 19
	Elmer Fernald.....	5 74
	Mrs A L McNeil.....	3 00
	C E Stover.....	6 00

	Merritt Eldridge.....	2 25
	G A Linscott.....	25 00
	W B Blaisdell & Co..	4 48
	G A Linscott	30 75
Dec 31	C H Sprague.....	6 90
	H A Murch	1 08
1916		
Feb 18	S S DeBeck.....	5 50
	Mrs Delia Ryder.....	3 20
	Mrs Laura Buzzell.....	3 00
	T M Blaisdell.....	11 00
	F A Workman.....	2 50
	T M Blaisdell.....	17 68
	Emery Colson.....	4 00
	S S Scammon.....	48 20
	" "	4 45
28	C H Sprague..	6 02
Feb 28	W E Bragdon	2 52
	Calvin Dyer.....	2 10
	D O Dyer	1 25
	W B Blaisdell & Co.....	6 18

ORDERS DRAWN FROM SUPPLY FUND.

1915		
Apr 7	Educational Supply Co.....	\$ 6 45
10	L E Knott App Co.....	53 76
May 11	Bangor Co-operative Printing Co.....	8 50
June 6	Educational Supply Co	4 23
8	Central Scientific Co.....	28 86
9	Educational Supply Co.....	7 08
Aug 30	Hancock County Co.....	3 00
Oct 1	J L Hammett & Co.....	30 00
Nov 4	R E Hartwell.....	4 81
	Herbert L Palmer.....	6 72
	Milton Bradley Co	15 30
	L E Knott App Co	49 54
	J L Hammett & Co.....	19 80
30	E G Moore.....	2 25
Dec 31	L W Gerrish.....	6 25
1916.		
Feb 23	S S Scammon.....	2 27
	W E Bragdon	3 26
	W B Blaisdell & Co.....	16 77

ORDERS DRAWN FROM BOOK FUND.

1915		
April 10	Allyn & Bacon.....	\$ 7 00
June 8	D H Knowlton	85
July 6	Benj H Sanborn & Co.....	5 61
Aug 30	Edw E Babb & Co.....	11 76
Oct 1	D C Heath & Co	10 89
	D H Knowlton & Co.....	60
	D C Heath & Co	6 68
	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	10 20
	The MacMillan Co.....	4 40
	Ginn & Co.....	37 48
	D Appleton & Co.....	14 00
	American Book Co.....	79 84
	" "	42 16
Nov 4	Silver, Burdett & Co	5 44
	Ginn & Co.....	11 84
Dec 31	"	12 36
	Silver, Burdett & Co.....	10 40
Oct 1	W H Patten.....	1 93
	"	3 66
1916		
Feb 1	"	2 50

ORDERS DRAWN FROM HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

1915		
Mar 27	Herbert Marshall.....	\$ 3 00
April 6	R E Stevens	100 00
	J V Poor.....	40 50
	W E Stoddard.....	15 00
	Laura P Hodgkins.....	56 70
	R E Stevens	50 00
May 4	Herbert Marshall	4 50
June 14	J V Poor.....	108 00
	R E Stevens	150 00
	Herbert Marshall	4 00
Oct 1	R E Stevens.....	75 00
	Mabel E Norcross	41 64
Nov 2	R E Stevens	100 00
	Mabel E Norcross.....	55 55
	Fred S Bunker	9 00
	Herbert Marshall	2 00
	" "	5 00
30	" "	4 00

		R E Stevens	100 00
		Mabel E Norcross	55 55
Dec 17		R E Stevens.....	75 00
		Mabel E Norcross.....	42 25
31		Herbert Marshall	3 00
		A W Bunker	7 00
1916.			
Feb 1		R E Stevens	100 00
		Mabel E Norcross	55 55
28		R E Stevens.....	100 00
		Mabel E Norcross.....	55 55
		Richard Dyer.....	2 19
		W E Bragdon	66 12
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W A R R A N T.

HANCOCK SS.:

STATE OF MAINE.

To S. A. Bragdon, a Deputy Sheriff in the County of Hancock:

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Franklin, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house, in said Franklin, on Monday, the twentieth day of March, 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2 To choose a town clerk for ensuing year.
- 3 To hear and act on reports of town officers.
- 4 To choose a board of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- 5 To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 6 To vote a percentage for collecting taxes, choose a collector of taxes and make all other necessary arrangements relating thereto.
- 7 To choose a town auditor.
- 8 To choose a town agent.
- 9 To choose one member of the school board to serve three years.
- 10 To choose all other necessary school officers.
- 11 To choose one or more fire wards, fix their compensation and raise a sum of money to pay fire bills.
- 12 To choose all other necessary town officers.
- 13 To see how many road commissioners the town will authorize the selectmen to appoint.
- 14 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the support of a free high school for the ensuing year.
- 15 To raise a sum of money for the support of common schools and fix a time when money so raised shall become available for payment of school charges.
- 16 To raise a sum of money for the repair of school buildings.
- 17 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for painting school buildings.

- 18 To see if the town will vote to establish a commercial business course in the Franklin high school, to begin with the next school year.
- 19 To see if the town will vote to continue the school in South Bay district.
- 20 To see if the town will vote to raise \$268 for payment of school text-book bills which have not been previously reported to the school board.
- 21 To raise a sum of money for the purchase of school text-books.
- 22 To raise a sum of money for school supplies.
- 23 To raise a sum of money for the support of poor.
- 24 To raise a sum of money for incidental expenses.
- 25 To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State-aid highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town, under the provisions of sections 9 and 18 of chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913.
- 26 To see whether the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State-aid, as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913.
- 27 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533 for the improvement of the section of State-aid road as outlined in the report of the State highway commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of chapter 130 of the public laws of 1913.
- 28 To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the commander of the E. C. D. West Post, G. A. R., for the suitable observance of Memorial day.
- 29 To raise a sum of money for repair of highways and bridges, and make all necessary arrangements relating thereto.
- 30 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for stone or metal culverts, and make all necessary arrangements relating thereto.
- 31 To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the repair and extension of sidewalks.

- 32 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to help defray the cost of the permanent sidewalk job at the village.
- 33 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to help defray the expenses of the graduating class of the Franklin high school exercises to be held in June.
- 34 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make a temporary loan for an amount sufficient to pay school orders until the school fund from the State becomes available.
- 35 To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of money for salaries of the school board.³
- 36 To raise a sum of money for salary of superintendent of schools.
- 37 To see if the town will vote to raise \$25 to provide a belfry for the East Franklin schoolhouse, and make arrangements for expending the same.
- 38 To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay temporary loan for purchase of furnace for the high school building.
- 39 To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting. The selectmen will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the town house, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the day of the meeting.

Given under our hand at Franklin, this 29th day of February, a.d. 1916.

A true copy, attest:

W. E. BRAGDON,

C. J. MURCH,

E. A. WENTWORTH,

Selectmen of Franklin.