

January the 2^d. 1649.

55.

Whereas it is judged needfull in sundry respects that each inhabitant should have the severall parcells of their land recorded, in order for prevention of future inconvenience. It is ordered that every particular Inhabitant of this Township shall within six months after the date of this present order, repair to the Recorder who is chosen and appointed by y^e y^e inhabitants for that purpose, who upon information given him by each person of his severall parcells of Land, the number of acres, with the breadth & length of the y^e allotments, and who are adjoining on each side of them, shall by virtue of his office, cause to be recorded each parcell of land with y^e limits bounds and situation of them in a booke for that purpose: for which his paynes, the owner of the y^e lands shall pay unto the Recorder two pence for every parcell of land so recorded. And if any inhabitant shall neglect to have his lands thus recorded according to the time above limited of six monthes, he shall be liable to a fine of 20^s for every such parcell of land as he is possessor of which remains unrecorded.

Henry Smith is chosen Register for y^e Towne of Springfield

March the first 1647

It is ordered of all persons that have any interest in your all fences shall carefully attend to repair & sufficiently close up their fences in the common fields by the 20th day of March yearly & after that they be kept in sufficient repair till the last day of September in which interim it shall not be lawfull for any person to put in any cattell to pasture or any way lay open the said common field to his neighbours prejudice without the joint consent of the whole persons that have interest in the said field. But after that time it may be lawfull for any person to put in his cattell of his own interest in the said common field. & if any shall be found to lay open his fence or fence in any cattell into any common field he shall be liable to pay all damages & charges of the said fences for contempt of order.

It is ordered of the persons who are yearly chosen overseers of the common fences shall at least 14 days before the 29th of March & 29th of July 20th of October as they see cause they be fully closed up and repaired as they shall in their wisdom judge to be sufficient: And if upon their view of them they shall find any insufficient fences, they shall give the owners of the said fences warning to amend it within 10 days: If they shall neglect to amend the fence according to the order appointed, they shall be liable to a fine of 12d for every defect, and for every day that it remains unamended after to increase 12d upon every such defect, besides all damages it may fall on him by the insufficiency of his fence, of one half of the said fines to fall to the overseers of the said fences & the other half to the rate of the town and if any just complaints shall be brought against the officers for neglect of their charge they shall stand accountable to the town at all general meetings or when they shall be thereunto called.

Chosen for long meadow } for the lower lots } for the plain
 Geo. Colton } James Bridgeman } with warden
 Tho. Mirack } Hugo Pasfons } the River

At a generall Towne meetinge on the 5th of Novem^r 1648 /

The same power that the last yeare was conferred upon the Townsmen for ordering of all prudentiall affaires of the Towne is at this tyme committed into y^e hands for this next yeare ensuing. All others are chosen in these places.

The p^{rs} chosen are.

Henry Smith Hen: Burt Benj: Cooley.
Sam: Chapin Tho: Cooper

It is ordered that there shall from hence forth four Courts be kept in this Township yearly. viz: The first Tynge on the first Tuesday in February. The first Tynge on the first Tuesday in September except some speciall occasion require it. And when speciall notice shall be given of the next Tynge in November or December. It is also ordered yt on y^e first Tynge of November there shall be yearly chosen by y^e Jurymen Two men in y^e stead of Grand Jurymen who shall by virtue of an oath imposed upon them by y^e Magistrate for that purpose, faithfully report on such Court days all such breaches of Towne orders or Court orders, as shall come to their knowledge either by their own observation or by credible information of others, and shall take out writs for y^e apprehension of such as are delinquents, or summonses to appeare the 4th day, when all such offenders by y^e p^{rs} shall be judicially heard & examined by y^e Magistrate & warrants for distresses granted for y^e levying of such fines or penalties as are annexed to y^e orders violated, or such shall seeme meete or reasonable to y^e Magistrate to impose or inflict according to y^e nature of y^e offence. These two men to stand in y^e office for a yeare or till others be chosen in their roomes.

September 7th 1648.

It is agreed that those who will join to make a cartway over the meadow against Robert Ashlyes, shall have liberty to bare up the Cartway, and to take off the loads of any others, if shall cart over in the way who have not joined in making of it.

Those who have joined in the names to make of Cartway are as followeth.

Tho: Mirek	James Bridgeman	Will: warren	Edw: Wright	} (Ind: Ball)
Tho: Stibbin	Jno Clarke	Tho: Kieve	Jno Leonard	
Rich: Sykes	Robt Ashly.	Paul: Stibbin	Edw: Marshfield	

James Bridgeman and Will: warren are chosen Surveyors for the high wayes for the years followinges.

Whereof for the first year in Long meadow. Geo: Colson. Alex: Edwards.

for the second year in the Plains. Nath: Bliss. Tho: Stibbin.

By the joint consent of the Inhabitants there is granted to one Lyncheon a parcell of meadow ground about 4 or five acres more or less lying at the lower end of the Long meadow adjoining to his mill lot.

It is also voted that all those that have allotments over of gentle river against the Long meadow as they there dividet, who have desired to resigne up those Lots unto the Towns hands. provided they might have in Lott thereof a parcell of land in the Long meadow behind the meadow Lotts there: It is with the joint consent of the Town granted that those who are possessors of such lands, shall have appropriated to them in the Long meadow suitable thereto in quantity if it will reach off it fall out, that they have a less portion there then they had in the other side: then the Inhabitants of the upper end of the Town if have no allotments there, are to be abated for many acres of land in these rates, to make it proportionable to ym of the lower end.

By the select Townsmen April 7th 1649.

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whereas there is notice taken of a disagreement amongst several of the
neighbours who have lands lying in the large meadow, that they have
engaged themselves to fence by the 10th of this month, and by reason of
this difference the fencing is neglected to the apparent damage of
many in the 1st field. Therefore for the better settling of this difference
It is ordered and appointed that this fence be carried on by the 1st
officers according to their former agreement amongst themselves.
And for avoiding of all contentions, it may arise about the setting
of portions of the 1st fence: It is ordered, that the whole
number of acres of every man hath in the 1st field be taken, whether
planting land or meadow, as also the number of rods or quantity of
fencing to be done, and that each person do make his share of fence
proportionally to his number of acres, such as shall be judged sufficient
for the security of the 1st field, at the east end of the 1st field, from
~~the east end of the 1st field~~ George Cottons side fence, to the Brooke.
The fence to run at the east end of the planting lots there laid out, and
thence to cross over east to a high way, such as shall be laid out, and for so much
to the Brooke. all the gaps at the ends of these planting lots to be
in common: Also for the fence by the Brooke, it is ordered that every
person that hath land in the 1st field, shall make and maintain a
proportionable share of fence according to the number of his acres, such
as shall be sufficient for the security of the 1st field in the judgment of those
that are chosen for that purpose: And further to avoid confusion
in carrying on of this fence, we order that those planting lots
that be uppermost, shall set up their share of fence at their own
charges, if it will for fallowen or after them, for Leonard to begin
for fence firstly as men live in order: And the like order is to be
followed in the fence by the Brooke, for Leonard to begin at the upper
end, and for every one to fall in successively with his share of fence
as they dwell in order.

December 27th 1649

There is (with y^e Joynt consent of the Inhabitants) power given to the Select Townsmen and Deacons for this time being, and such as shall hereafter succeed them: to order the feasting of y^e y^{oung} in y^e meeting house as they in thyr^e discretion shall judge most meet.

It is also ordered y^t y^e Select Townsmen with y^e Deacons shall for y^e behalfe of y^e Towne draw up & send down to y^e Elders a letter desiring y^m to explain y^e clause meaning of y^e words concerning m^r moxons m^r m^r names

Feb^r 21st 1649

There is granted to Samuell Wright Senior j^{er} & half^r of planting land in l^o of for much due to him for his lot in y^e neck which is to be layd out as conveniently as may be at his 5th acre lot in y^e 2^d Division.

It is ordered y^t Geo: Colton and Thomas Cooper who is y^e Towne surveyor should with y^e best discretion lay out the severall parcels of m^r dows granted y^e last yeare to Henry Burt 4 acres Tho: mirack Alex: Edwards J^{no} Harman for y^e long m^r dows over y^e Brooks Henry Burt & Tho: mirack is to have an acre & half^r each of y^m of upland in y^e place in l^o of an acre & half^r due to them in y^e neck.

There is granted to Deacon Chapin a parcel of land by the awam falls where he hath 1 acre & half^r already adjoining to m^r moxons m^r dows ground, which acre & half^r is to be made up 6 acres.

There is granted to J^{no} Stabbin 2 acres of land at y^e end of his fathers Stabbin 5 acre lot in y^e 2^d Division which is due to him in l^o of for much wanting in y^e neck.

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There is granted to Thomas Shabbin 5 acres of
maddon ground over Agawam river in the 2^d maddon
on the west side under the hill. provided he resigne into
the Towns hand a maddon lot of 1/2 acre & half which
was formerly granted him

There is also granted to J^h Shabbin a piece of maddon
ground over agawam river lying at the rear of a
maddon lot of Rowland Shabbins over a little brooke
there, with an acre & half of maddon ground
that his brother Thomas Shabbins hath resigned into
the Towns hands / provided he resigne of his former
5 acres into the Towns hands. Not accepted

There being granted to Henry Curt seven years ago
5 acres and half as the Centre on the other side Long
maddon brook and finding it to be inconvenient
in respect of fencing by reason of the greatness of
Charles and two being a way off from lying
in common adjoining to it which if granted him
would much ease his charge in fencing
therefore in 1659 the Townsmen taking into consideration
his request saw good to grant to him the same width of all
that came to the valley of 3 acres more or less lying
between his land formerly granted and Long maddon brook
and allow a small way off at the front of Thomas maddon
his lot lying next unto him which he hath compassed in
by a ditch to the valley of 3 quarters of an acre. provided
that he do not proceed to high way but that he
do leave at the bridge how not between the brook
where the bridge now is and his fence for the convenience
of the passage by the Townsmen

Thomas Cooper
Benjamin Burr
William Warrenton
Thomas of
Robert Ashley

February 6th 1649 /.

It is agreed by the Towne that if Mr John Pyncheon will make a chamber over the meetinghouse and board it: he shall have the use of it intirely to himselfe for Ten yeares, and then if the Towne wille it and require it they may have it, provided they allow the ^{sayd} Mr John Pyncheon the charge yt he hath bin at about it, or else he is to have yt use of it longer till they doe allow him the charge yt he layed out about it.

At a Towne meetinge assembled February 5th 1651. there falling out some disputes betwixt Mr John Pyncheon and the Towne in reference to the above mentioned bargain about the meetinghouse chamber In conclusion it was put to yt vote:

whether the Inhabitants be willinge to take the chamber into thyr hand agayne presently, promisinge to pay Mr John Pyncheon his ^{whole} charge that he hath bin at about it for yt tyme past: And he to have the use of the chamber till Octob^r next: provided he lay not above 400 bushells of corne in it, if he exceed that quantity he is to underprop yt floore at his owne charge as Rich: Sykes and Tho: Cooper shall judge meete.

It was voted affirmatively to all yt particulars.

whereupon George Coulton and Robt Ashby were nominated by Mr Jno Pyncheon / and appointed by yt vote of yt Inhabitants to gather in yt rate yt shall be made by yt ~~the~~ select men for yt charge layd out ^{about} this floore / and to pay it payd in to Mr Pyncheon by yt 20th of February next. 1652. in marchantable whrate at 3^s 10^d 2 bushell.

The Select Townsmen are to take care for yt securing of these men

I Mr Henry Smith:.

February the 5th 1649

A Coppy of such orders as are made and confirmed by the inhabitants of Springfield the day and year above written.

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For the prevention of disorders in puttinge Cattell to Pasture on the other side of the grate river to the prairie of mens Corne: And yet that men may have the benefit of the Pasture there for thier Cattell in seasonable time: It is therefore ordered that no person shall put over any Cattell on the other side of the grate River to Pasture thier until the 1st day of October yearly: And from thence until the 1st day of March they may continue there, by which day the fields there are to be cleared of Cattell of all sortes: And if any Cattell shall be found thier goinge at liberty and not under the hand of a keeper or in inclosure or piece of ground before or after the days above sayd, the owners of

Nov. 2. 1668
It is ordered
that no man shall
put over or allow
his Cattell to
feed on
other mens
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the 1st Cattell shall be liable to a fine of 100^{or more} of any kind or kind of all that shall be found upon a 100 rods of any kind or kind of one halfe of it fine to the Informers & the other halfe to the Towne and also shall make good what ever damages shall appertain to be done by thier 1st Cattell in that time

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Whereas the planting of Indian Corne in the meadows and Swamps on the other side of Agawam river hath occasioned a longe stay after morninge time before men can put thier Cattell thier to pasture: Therefore it is ordered (with the consent of all those that have Planting ground there) that no more Indian corne shall be planted there either in the meadows or Swamps that for the Cattell of those that have a share in the same be put over by the 10th day of September yearly: And they take a sure course to prevent thier Cattell from

goinge over the River, either by fencing, or by a keeper in
the day time, and by securing them in some inclosure
in the night: But there is Liberty for Calves to be put
over thither by the 14th day of August: And in case
any person shall put Cattell there before the day
expressed, he shall forfeite 2^d 6^d by the head for
every such default, and also be liable to pay all
damadge that his Cattell shall doe on either side
of the river.

3 It is ordered, that if any Inhabitant shall desire to
make a Cannoe, he may have Liberty to fell any tree
or trees in the Towne Commons, and make it or them into
Cannoos for his own use or the use of any Inhabitant:
But no such Inhabitant shall have Liberty to fell or in
any kinde to pass away any Cannoe for more out of
the Towne, untill it be full five years old, or if
he lend his Cannoe it shall be returned with in a
Repealed month: And in case any shall transgress this order
Dec. 30 he shall be liable to a penalty of 20^s for every default.
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4 It is ordered that whosoever shall take away or make
use of any mans Cannoe or boate without his leave
shall forfeite unto the owner 20^s for every such default.
To be
Transcribed
into the New Booke

5 It is ordered that there shall be no barns or any other
horowings, built or set up in the high way betwixt the
Church lane and the brooke: Except there be for much
room, as they can have 4 Rod for the street or high way
and then men may make use of that side next the brooke
for what building they please: And if any shall transgress
this order, It shall be lawfull for the select men to
appoint men to pull downe and demolish such building.

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1643.
Sc. 2^d booke
of the select
men, act
made 1664

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For the prevention of further Evils that may befall this Township through ill Disposed persons, that may thrust themselves in amongst us, against the liking and consent of the generality of the Inhabitants or select Townsmen by purchasing a lot or place of habitation &c.

It is therefore ordered and declared that no inhabitant shall sell or in any kind Pass away his house lot or any part of it, or any other of his allotments to any stranger, before he have made the select Townsmen acquainted who his Chapman is, and they accordingly allow of his admission, under penalty ^{of paying Twenty shillings for every} of for selling his land for good or passed away: But if the select Townsmen see ground to disallow of the admission of the said Chapman, then the Town or Inhabitants shall have 30 days time to resolve whether they will buy the said allotments, which said allotments they may buy as indifferent parties shall apprise them. But in case the Inhabitants shall delay to make a purchase of the said lands above 30 days after the offering of it to the select Townsmen, then the said seller shall have his liberty to take his Chapman and such Chapman or stranger shall be esteemed as entertained and allowed of by the Town as an inhabitant ^{or any other person who shall be a purchaser of land here or elsewhere}

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It is ordered, That if any man of this Township shall under the Colour of friendship or other ways, entertain any person or persons, here to abide as inmates, or shall suffer their house lots to entertain them as Tenants or other ways for longer time than one month or 30 days, with out the consent or allowance of the select Townsmen (Children or servants of the family that remain single & sons excepted) shall forfeit for the first Default 20^s to the Town, and after he shall forfeit 20^s & month for every month that any such person

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person or persons shall for continue in this Township
without the consent of the select Townsmen. And
if in time of thyr abode after the limitation
above the shall make release, not being able to
maintain themselves, then he or they that entertained
such persons, shall be liable to be rated by the
select men for the relief & maintenance of the
said party or parties for entertained, as they in their
discretion shall judge meet.

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And it is further ordered, that
order is that no man shall be entertained for more than a month, except he be a
householder, or a person who may entertain him a day longer, on penalty
of 10 shillings.

- 1 That all workmen shall worke the whole day, allowing con-
venient time for food & drink.
- 2 That all Husbandmen and ordinary Labourers, from the first
day of November to 1st of March, shall not take above
16^d by the day wages, for the other 8 months they shall not
take above 20^d by the day, except in time of harvest for
reaping and mowing, or for other extraordinary worke
such as are sufficient. Workmen are allowed 2^d 2 day.
- 3 That all Carpenters, Joiners, Sawyers, Wheelwrights, or such
like Artificers, from the first of November to the first of
March, shall not take above 20^d 2 day wages. And for the
other 8 months not above 2^d 2 day.
Taylors not to exceed 12^d 2 day through out the year.
- 4 That all Teams consisting of 4 Cattle with one man
shall not take above 6^d 2 day wages: from May till
October to worke 8 hours, and the other part of the
year 6 hours for three days worke.
And it is further ordered that whosoever shall either
by giving or taking exceeds these rates, he shall be
liable to be punished by the magistrates according to
the quality and nature of the offence.

16^d 2 day
31^d 2 day
16^d 4

Febr 4th 1661 At a General Towne
Meeting

It is ordered that whosoever of this Towne
shall fall any Trees in the Towne Commons: His
falling of them though he have bestowed noe other
worke upon them, shall give him right to them for
Sixe Month, so that noe other person shall meddle wth any
such fallen Tree or Tree till 6. month are expi-
red after the falling of it. But for Timber that is
Cross cut, or firewood if it is cut out & set on heaps, or Rayles
or clefts or Pales, these may ly 6. Month more after
they are so Cross cut or cloven by the first faller before the
first 6. Month, before any other man shall meddle wth them.
And it is declared if he has felled any Trees he may take his owne time
for Cross cutting of Timber, leaving Bolts, Rayles, Pales, or setting of
firewood on heaps, provided he doe it before the first 6. Month be expired,
and the faller having bestowed such worke on any trees he felled though
he did it at any time of falling them. Such worke as aforesaid
shall give him right to such tree or tree for twelve months
from his first time of falling them. & after that time lim-
ited it shall be lawfull for any man to take them.

And for such Timber as becomes forfeited as aforesaid at 6. Month after
falling, for want of such further worke bestowed on it as is before
expressed: who ever shall seize upon it as forfeited, if he fetch
it not presently away from the place where it is, such worke shall give
him right to it for one whole month after so that it shall not be law-
full for any other man to take it or any part of it till one month after
it then it may be lawfull for any person to take it. And in case any
person shall be found to take away or Convert to his owne use any Trees, Timber
or firewood as aforesaid before the time above limited he shall be liable to make
satisfaction to the Towne in kind or otherwise to his Content. And shall also for-
feit the Ten shillings to the Towne Treasury for every piece of Timber, Rayle, Bolt,
firewood or Tree that he shall so secretly take away & Convert to his owne use.
And according to the for-
mer order allowed them.

Novemb^r 2nd 1652 Upon the pleadings of many for Liberty to
transport Board & Planks: It is ordered if any person desires
to transport boards or planks, shall tender such board or Planks
to the select Townsmen, & if they provide noe chaxman in
Towne within 21 days to take off such board or Planks, then
the owners thereof shall have Liberty to transport or
resell the same out of Towne, Notwithstanding the order of Contra-
dicted Dec 30th 1664.

9 It is ordered that every household shall have in a ready-
ness about his house a sufficient ladder, for length suit-
able to his house, to prevent the danger of fire on
penalty for every neglect ~~of~~ s. d.
To be transferred into New Booke

10 It is ordered: that if any person shall be taken
notice of to carry fire in the streets or from house
to house not being sufficiently covered, for as to
prevent doinge hurt thereby, he shall forfeit s. d. for
every such offence proved against him, besides all
damages for what hurt may come thereby.

11 It is ordered: that if any trees by felled in the Common
havinge no other work bestowed on them, above six months
it shall be lawfull for any man to take them: But any
Timber that is cross cutt, or firewood that is cutt out, or
set on heaps, or raysles or Clifts, or piles, no man may take
any of these till ~~they~~ have been 18 months after it is felled
cross cutt or cloven: And in case any person shall be found
to take away or convert to his own use any timber or
firewood, before the time above limited, he shall be liable
to make satisfaction to the owner in kind, or other wise
to his content, and shall also forfeit 10^s to the Towne
Treasury for every such parcel of Tymber, raysles, bolts,
or firewood, that he shall for disorderly take away and
convert to his own use.

12 Whereas there is observation taken of the scarcity of Tymber
about the Towne, for buildinge, sawinge, shingling, & such like,
it is therefore ordered that no person shall hereafter carry
port out of the Towne to other places, any building Tymber
board logs, or sawn boards, or planks, or shingle Tymber, or
Repea-pipe staves which shall be growing in the Towne Common
by the Chickopee river to fresh water brooke, and fire
30th Dec 1664

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in a cursive script, likely from a 17th-century manuscript.]

The order N. 13 is
Repealed Dec 30. 1664.

& f. m. f. M. R. R. R.
was agreed to by a f. vote
& is to be Transcribed
into y^e New Booke

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miles East from the grate River: And if any man shall
be found to transgress this order he shall be liable to a fine
of 20^s for every freight or load of such Timber, boards,
shingle, or such like by him for transported.

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To the end that such Candlewood as lyeth near
the Towne may not be waisted, by such as burne Tallow
to ye poudice of the Inhabitants. It is therefore ordered
that no person shall have liberty to gather, or havinge
for gathered to burne any Candlewood for the making of
Taxes, Pitch, or Coale, within the Compasse of 6 miles East
from the grate River, and for extending fro Chickkupper
on the west side to ye Longmaddon brooke: And if any shall be found
to gather any Candlewood for gathered, within the limits
above one, he shall forfeite 20^s for
every load of Candlewood for gathered and burnt for
any man Taxes, Pitch, Coale, or ye like use. Provided notwithstanding
that every Inhabitant may gather Candlewood
for his own family use where he pleaseth.

Whereas it is judged offensive and noisome for flax and
hemp, to be washed or washed in, or by the Brooke before min
doors which is of ordinary use for dressinge meate:
Therefore it is ordered that no person henceforth, shall wash
or wash any flax or hemp in the said Brooke, or any other
adjoininge to it, and if any person shall be found transgressinge
herein, he shall be liable to a fine of 6^s 8^d for every such default.

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It is ordered that no person shall gather any hoppers that grow
in the Swamps or any Common grounds until the fifth day of
September yearly, upon payne of forfeiting what they shall
soe disorderly gather, and 20^s 6^d for breach of order. The forfei-
ture to the Informer, the 20^s 6^d to the Towne Treasurers.

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Repea-
10 Dec 30th
1664

Whereas it is judged needfull in sundry respects that each Inhabitant should have the severall parcells of his Land recorded, Therefore for prevention of future inconveniences, It is ordered, That every particular Inhabitant of this Township, shall repaire to the Recorder that is chosen and appointed by the Towne, for that end and purpose: Who upon Information given him by each person, of his severall parcells of Land, the number of Acres, roth^e Length & breadth of the s^e parcellments, and who are borderinge on each side of him.

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Shall by virtue of his office fairly record, each parcell of Land, with the Limits bounds & situation thereof in a Booke for that purpose: for which his payment, the owner of the Lands shall pay unto the Recorder Two pence for every parcell of his Land so recorded. And if any person shall neglect to record his Lands longer then sixe month after the first day of Aprill next (which will be the first day) he shall be

liable to a fine of ~~5s~~ for every parcell of his Land that is not then recorded: And if, after that he shall neglect to record his Land he shall pay ~~10s~~ for every month's neglect of any parcell. And ancient grants are all to be recorded by the last of May next on like Penalty.

It is ordered That if any person whose house or land is enclosed in a generall fence, shall desire to inclose a part of it for yards gardens or orchard, his neighbour on each hand of him shall be Compellable to make and sufficient maintain the one halfe of the s^e fence from time to time. Provided his share of fence amount not to above Ten s^d: Provided alsoe that the s^e fence exceed not the charge of a sufficient five foot fence or greater: And in case any neighbour shall refuse to doe his share of the s^e fence within 3 months after due notice given him of it he shall be liable to pay what damage his neighbour shall sustaine through his default: and alsoe 5s month for the same shall neglect it, for contempt of order.

Repealed

Dec 10

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This order confirmed by the Townsmen in 1655

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19. Whereas there are persons yearly chosen by the Inhabitants to being Gene-
rall fences of their Countie: It is therefore ordered by the Court
so chosen by the Towne for service, shall two severall tymes in y^e year at
least, viz: March. 29th & July. 20th take a survey of all y^e fst fences
belonging to the Towne: And in case they be fully closed up & kept in repair, as y^e fst
viewers shall allow to be sufficient: And in case they shall find any Reall defects & Insufficiency, upon their view of y^e fst
fences, they shall forthwith give notice thereof unto y^e owners of y^e defective
fence or fences: warning him or them to amend y^e same within y^e space of y^e next
And in case y^e owner so warned shall delay to amend his or their defective fence accord-
ing to y^e tyme limited to y^e satisfaction of y^e fst viewers: He shall be liable to
a fine of 12^d for every such defect, & so to increase 12^d for every day neglect till
he do amend y^e same: Besides all damages & may accesse to any thorough y^e
Insufficiency of his fst fence: The one halfe of y^e fine to fall to y^e Towne
& y^e other halfe to y^e overseers of y^e fst fences: who on Complaint made
shall have warrant for y^e select men directed to y^e Constable to levie
what fines are due according to order, upon y^e estate of y^e delinquent
if he refuse to satisfy y^e fst fines, being of him demanded.
And it is further ordered that if y^e fst overseers of fences shall Rec^d Information
fro others, or by their owne observation at any other tyme beside y^e forementio-
ned tymes above expressed shall understand of any defects or Insufficiency
on y^e fences under their care, they shall take due notice thereof & rea-
sonably attend y^e above directed way for amending of y^e same: And in case
any just Complaint shall be brought against y^e fst overseers for neglect of
theire charge, they shall stand accountable thereunto: And in case
thereunto they are charged by y^e select men for every neglect

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for man
to bait
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on those
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It is ordered that all persons that have any interest in
Generall fences shall carefully attend to repayer and suffi-
ciently close up thier severall fences in the Comon
fields by the 25th day of March yearly, and so for that
they be kept in sufficient repayer till the last day of
September: for which Intreims, It shall not be Lawfull
for any person, to put in any cattell to Pasture, or any way
lay open his part of fence in the 1st Comon field, to his
neighboures prejudice: without the joynit consent of the
wholl that have interest in the 1st field: But after
that tyme it shall be Lawfull for any person to put in
his Cattell that hath interest in y^e 1st Generall field.
And if any shall be found to lay open his fence, or bring
in any Cattell, into ^{any part of} any Comon field before the day
above limited he shall pay all Damages that shall
be done through his Default, and a fine of 5^s for breach
of order.

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Whereas there are persons yearly chosen by the Justices
to view the Comon fences of every thier Comon fields.
It is therefore ordered that the persons so chosen by the
Towne to that worke, doe from tyme to tyme as neede shall
require, take due notice of the real defects and insufficiencies
of the 1st fences Andre thier charas, and shall forthwith
acquaint the owners therof with the same: And if the 1st
owners doe not wth in 3 days tyme sufficiently repayer
thier 1st defective fences, then the 1st persons shall
forthwith repayer and reune them, and shall have double
recompence, for all thier Labours, care, cost and trouble,
to be paid by the owners of y^e 1st insufficient fence or fences,
and shall have warrant from the Justices to the Constable
to Levie the same, either upon the Comon or upon
the Delinquent: Provided the defect
or fences be sufficiently proved by two or three

for the better carrying on of Towne meetings.

It is ordered that whosoever there shall any Unlike notice be given to the Inhabitants, by the Select Townsmen or any other in their behalf of some necessary occasion. wherein the Select men desire to advise with the Inhabitants, and the Day, time, and place of meetings be appointed: It is expected that all the Inhabitants attend personally such meetings for appointed. And in case the time and hours of meetings be come, though there be but nine of the Inhabitants assembled, it shall be Lawfull for them to proceed in agitation of what ever business is there proposed to them, and what the Major part of the Assembly then met shall agree upon, It shall be taken as the act of the whole Towne binding to all.

21. The first Tueday in November yearly is mutually agreed on and appointed to be a general Towne meeting for the choice of Towne officers, making confirming and publishing of orders, &c. on each day it is more expected that each Inhabitant give his personal attendance and if any shall be absent at the time of calling or absent himself without consent of the major part he shall be liable to a fine of 2^d 6^d. It is also ordered that on the first Tueday in November there shall be yearly chosen by the Inhabitants Two wise discrete men: who shall be sworn of an Oath imposed on them by the Magistrate for that purpose, faithfully to sit on the Court days, all such breaches of Court, or Towne orders, or any other misdemeanors as shall come to their knowledge, either by their own observation or by credible information of others, and shall take out Warrants for the apprehending of such as are delinquents: or witnesses to appear

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Two whereoff (if chosen againe) are to stand 2 yeares
together that so there may be alway some of y^e old
select men who are acquainted wth y^e Towne affaire,
governing wth y^e New.

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the said day: when all such proceedings by the said
partys shall be judicially heard and examined by the
Magistrate, and warrants for Distresses granted, for the
Leavynge of such fines or penalties as are annexed to
the orders violated, or which shall seeme meete and rea-
sonable to the magistrate to impose or inflict according
to the nature of the offence. These to stand in this
office for a yeare or till others be chosen in y^e roome.

23. It is ordered and declared, that ^{when} any man ^{shall be}
and chuse to any office, ^{of} place of service, in
and to the Towne of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~shall~~ ^{shall} refuse to accept the place
or to serve in that office to which he shall be chosen,
Every such person shall pay 20^s fine for refusal. But
the Towne Treasur^r: unless he had served in that office
3 years before, not being to be compelled to serve two years to
geth^r in y^e same office except select men, Two whereoff if

24. It is ordered that such Swine only as shall doe
pass in Cores fields, ^{meadows} ^{or gardens} shall be liable to pay
damadge: And for that end, if any man shall find
any Swine damadge feisant in his cores fields, meadows
or garden he shall drive them to the pound, and shall
take two or more neighbours to view the damadge done
by them: And the owner of the ~~the~~ Swine shall be liable
to pay such damages as the ~~the~~ indifferent men shall
appoint. But in case Swine that are sufficiently yoked
and rung shall doe any Trespasse, Then the owner of the
insufficient fence where they went in shall pay the
damages to y^e party damaged as indifferent men
shall judge to be equall, or such as are appointed to be
viewers of the fences.

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the Common of the Towne
 To the end that a High way may be layed out
 where they may be most convenient and advantageous
 for the ^{generall} use of the Towne. It is therefore ordered
 that the Select Townsmen shall have full power
 and authority to lay out all ^{Common} Highways, ^{for the Towne} where
 and how they shall Judge most convenient and
 usefull for the Inhabitants, though it be thorough
 or at the end of mens Lotts, provided they give them
 reasonable satisfaction, accordinge to equity. But
 if the party like not therof, then it shall be referred
 to the Judgmt of indifferent partyes, mutually
 chosen by the partyes ^{one} and the Select Townsmen ^{one}
~~8. if those 2. indifferent partyes doe not agree they shall choose one a~~
~~3. if one is joined by the 2. indifferent partyes they shall choose one a~~
~~Common for the Towne~~
 It is ordered that all such Highways which are or
 shall be Judged needfull to be made or repayred by
 the ~~Select Townsmen~~ ^{Towne}, the whole Towne shall paye
 in the makinge or repayinge of them, when they
 are required by the Surveyors, accordinge to order.
 And the Select Townsmen are allowed liberty to
 set a certaine Toll on carts that shall passe any
 High way which shall appaare more then ordina-
 ry chargeable in the repaerations of it.

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for the equal and indifferent carrying on and bearing
the charge, of making and repairing, such Common
High ways and Bridges, as are or shall be thought
needfull to be made or repaired from time to time
with in this Township: It is ordered that every house-
holder that hath or keepeth in his use or possession
a Team ~~and~~ consisting of 4 Cattle, shall
on due warning given him by the Surveyor, find at
every day and place appointed, his ~~own~~ Team
with his Cart and such necessary tools as the Surveyor
shall allowe of, and an able man therewith: To doe
such worke as the Surveyors shall appoint him,
~~for the space of eight hours in a day, besides the~~
~~time of rest and refreshings, provided they be not~~
~~required above 6 days in a year. The like is to~~
be done by those that have but halfe Teams
but in case such Teams or Carriages shall not
be thought needfull to be made use of by the
Surveyors, then every such ~~Team~~ person whose
Team is exempted, shall find two able men, for
his Team for spare, and every half Teamer to find
a man a day & a halfe in stead of his Team for spare.
And it is hereby declared that 2 oxen or a mare or horse
is to be esteemed a full Team.

And it is further ordered that every other
Householder (who hath no Team) shall by himselfe
or some other able labourer attend the worke ap-
pointed him by the Surveyor ~~for the space of 2~~
~~hours, besides time of rest and refreshings~~ on every
day yt he shall be called or required for to worke,
~~provided he be not called to worke above six days in a~~
~~year.~~

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And it is also ordered that all persons inhabiting in the
town who are above 100^l estate in other rates and yet have
no frame: every such person shall be compellable to find one
sufficient labourer to y^e highway worke on every day he
shall be duly warned therunto, according to his proportion
of the charges with other men.

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It is also further ordered that every person shall cutt
down his stubbs and cleare the high way before his lot,
of timber, wood, standinge trees, (such are hereby declared
to be a mans owne) or any other offensive matter, that the
surveyors shall warn him of, within three days after notice
given him, or else be lyable to a fine of 12^d for every defect.

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(Whereas there are surveyors chosen yearly for
the oversight and amendinge of Highways, Bridges, and other
defects of that nature, that for the Common highways of the
towne may be kept in continuall reparation: to that end,
and for the regulatinge of Surveyors in the discharge of
their office; It is ordered y^t the Surveyors for the tyme
beinge shall take care

1st That all Highways, Bridges wharfs ^{belonging to their care} be made, repaired,
and amended sufficiently, according to their discretion
or as they shall be directed by the select Townsmen.

2nd That all Highways be kept cleare from trees, Timber
wood, earth, stone, or any other offensive matter, y^t shall
anoye the Highway, within a mile of any dwelling house.

3rd That if any person upon notice given him by y^e Surveyor
shall neglect to remove, or cleare away, any such annoyance
to the high way, or offensive matter by him caused, longer
than 3 days: Then y^e Surveyors shall doe it, and have
double recompence for all his labour cost and charges
from the party for neglectinge, besides the 12^d with the
party is to pay in way of fine for neglect according to the
order formentioned.

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- 4 That the Surveyors shall give Three Days warninge to such as they
 call for and require to come to the Highway worke. viz: the day of
 warninge and a day more: for yt men must come the 3d daye
 after warninge: unless the surveyors give them longer tyme.
- 5 That they shall require no householder to worke above 6 dayes
 in a yeare, nor more of those 6 dayes then shall an aduantage
 fall to his share.
- 6 That the Surveyors shall require no man to worke above 2 dayes
 in a weeke, nor above 8 houres in a daye before tyme of refreshinge
- 7 That they call for these 6 dayes (or as many of them as shall
 serve) within the compass of tyme betwixt ye 20th of may and the
 20th of June yearly, and not at any other tyme, unless by the
 consent of the Townsmen it be agreed unto. ^{yet in as much as}
^{come defective that they may not be to long neglected, it is the duty of}
^{the select men meeting & of agreeing may appoint & allow the select}
- 8 That they duly present to the select Townsmen at the worke
 end, all defects of persons or Frames, that on lawfull war-
 ninge given, neglect to come to the worke appointed, who
 shall give warrant to the Constable for present Distress of
 20^{sh} fine, for a man and ^{man} 10^{sh} for a Frame, to be employed in
 the next worke, that is to be done about Highwayes.
- 9 That they give in thye accounts yearly, to the select men, at
 the generall meetings in ~~the month~~ ^{February}, when they giue up
 thye office, or in thye neglect thereof to remaine in thye
 office another yeare.

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March 28th 1690

Whereas there appears to be a defect in the former order about Highways, whereby some persons take advantage to exempt themselves from such publique works, which in equity they should attend with others proportionably: It is therefore ordered that ^{To be} ^{traugate} all single persons or unmarried (though living in another mans family) who are possessed of a lot, either by the grant of the Towne (after 3 months) or by Purchase or otherwise, they shall from hence forth be lyable to attend the works of the Highways, proportionable with other householders according as they shall be duly warned thereunto by the Surveyors.

And it is also ordered that if any Inhabitant shall have in his use and possession, two or more distinct allotments, either by way of Purchase or by way of rentinge: Every such person shall be lyable to find one sufficient man to the Highway works, on every day he shall be duly warned thereunto for every such allotment as shall be in his possession. And if any man shall keep two Teams for the improvement of such lands, his two Teams shall likewise be compellable to the works, as in the former order is required of other men that have Teams.

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March 7. 13. 16⁵³
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Whereas there hath bin a sell of land over & greater
river at & lower end of Chikkippy plaine, reserved
for & Townes use, & yet notwithstanding some
of & land hath bin disposed off to particular persons,
so that there is now but Thirty acres thereof left
& some person desiring & & Thirty acres may
also be disposed off & distributed to severall persons.
The Towne tooke it into Consideration whether
to sell thereto, & & Major part of & Towne
for severall reasons doe resolve not to dispose of
& Thirty acres of land to any particular
person or person as their Society: But doe here-
by order & & of the said Thirty acres of land at
& lower end of Chikkippy plaine over & greater
shall be reserved in & Townes hands, as & Townes
land for & Townes use, either for & helping
to maintain a schoolmaster or ruling there
or to help bear any other Towne charges ac-
cording as it shall hereafter be concluded on.
But not to be disposed off from & Townes Society.
And further it is ordered & & Select Towns-
men shall have liberty to let out & land
for years or years to bring in some yearly
rent to & Towne if they can find any to take it.

It is also further ordered & all persons whomsoever
that have any land granted by & Towne
they shall within sixe months at & furthest after
such grant get & land measured & Recorded
upon penalty of Ten shillings fine or forfeiting &
& land for neglect either in getting it measured or recorded
within & time fixed: & if any man & chooseth to pay & 10^s fine, shall
afterwards neglect to record his land, he shall pay 12^s per month for every
month neglect: If & chooseth to pay 10^s rather then forfeit his
land it is to be understood 10^s for every distinct piece of land
one halfe of which fine shall goe to & recorder & &
the halfe to & Towne.

And for any land formerly granted if it
remaine vnrrecorded above 3. month after
this present day, they shall pay 10^s for eve-
ry y^ell of $\frac{1}{2}$ ad land, & when $\frac{1}{2}$ 3. month
are expired, 12^s ~~per~~ ^{Mo} so long as it is vnrrecorded
Also if any y^ell shall sell for any ways pass
away any of his land to any other man
he shall within one month record such sale
or alteration of land, & in case of this mon
recording y^e seller & purchaser shall each
of y^e pay 10^s a y^ell ^{for neglecting to give notice of} & one halfe to y^e
Recorder, & y^e other halfe to y^e Towne.
The Recorder is allowed 4^s y^e y^ell for re-
cording all alterations of land: ~~at~~ ^{for} exchange, every y^ell ^{he is to allow} 4^s for his part.
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march 30th 1655

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By the selectt men

it is ordered all swine ^{within the township} from 3 monthes out and
ward shall be sufficiently Ronged by the 20 day
of Aprill next ensuing: and for the well nor-
formance of the same we have appointed
John Howard to make Rings and to see to sett
them on and doe appoint that hee shall
have 3^d for every swine soe Ronged paid
him by the owners of the sayd swine with
suffittient help for the worke and if any
swine above the adge of 3 monthes shall be found
to goe att liberty abroad in the street or
common, unRonged att any time betwixt the
first of march unto the last of november
yearly they shall be liable to a fine of 12^d
for every such defectt which fine of 12^d
shall be paid to be informed by the owner of
the swine and in case any shall refuse to pay
the sayd fine beinge of him demanded upon
complaintt made the selectt men shall by writt
a warrant to the constable to levy the same
but if any be minded to Ringe their swine themselves
they shall be adjudged to be sufficiently Ronged by
the sayd John Howard or els they shall be liable
to the fine notwithstanding

November 5th 1650 /

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At a Towne meetinge there was a choise made of five
Townsmen Viz: Mr. John Pynchon Henry Burt
Henry Smith Thomas Cooper
Samuell Chapin

To whom by y^r Maior vote of the Inhabitants was committed
power to order all y^r pendentiell affayres of the Towne
agreeable to what is expressed in the Court order / with power
is given ym for a yeare or till more be chosen in their rooms /

Mr. John Pynchon is chosen to be the Towne Treasurer
for the yeare ensuing & till another be chosen in his room.

George Langton and Jⁿ Stebbins are chosen Surveyors of the
high ways of the Towne for the yeare ensuing /

William Waremore ~~and~~ and Robt Ashby are chosen overseers
of fences for y^e fields & hayings to y^e ~~upper~~ ^{upper} pt of the Towne
from y^e meetinghouse ~~downward~~ ^{downward} toward ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~lower~~ ^{lower} pt of the Towne

Joseph Parsons and John Clarke are chosen overseers of
the fences from y^e meetinghouse ~~downward~~ ^{downward} toward who are to be
direction from y^e Townsmen for ordering hedges & fences /

By the Townsmen January. 30th 1650

It is agreed that these rates that are here under expressed shall be gathered this first year. viz. by March. 25th.

Mr Moxons maintenance	70	00	
Mr will. Pyncheon for the Bell	05	00	
for Mr Moxon wch he pd for y ^r Towne	10	00	
upon y ^e close last yeare	15	00	
Mr John Pyncheon for a barrell of powder for a townes stock	07	12	6
2 y ^e 1/4 c ^{ts} of musket bullets & 5 cake	01	17	6
11-3-4 2 y ^e 1/4 c ^{ts} of match at 8 ^d p	01	13	4
2 for y ^r cartway to y ^r foot of y ^e falls	10	00	0
	21	03	4
2 for charges about repayinge the mustinghouse. hanginge the bell & other charges	18	00	00
129-3-4 2 for Killinge & wolves	05	00	00

Total 129 - 03 - 04

It is agreed and ordered that the prices of corns for payment of rates shall be ~~as follows~~ ^{the prices of corns for payment of} ~~as follows~~ ^{whreats, at} ~~as follows~~ ^{at 23 65 p^{ty}.} ~~as follows~~ ^{at 30 p^{ty}.} ~~as follows~~ ^{Indian} ~~as follows~~ ^{only Mr Moxons rate we are to agree with him}

The persons appointed to take account of mens estates & p^{ce} cattell are. Mr Holioke. Nathaniel Blis. Jr. Stebbins.

The rate for y^r wolves is to be raised only on cattell.

May 19th 1651.

Mr. Elitene Holyoke was chosen to the office of a Constable for
the town of Springfield for the year ensuing and till
another shall be chosen in his room. He hath accordingly taken
his oath, the day & year above.

Nov: 9th 1651.

At a Town meeting there was a choice made of
five Townsmen viz m^r John Emckon: Henry Bart
Samuell Chapin Thomas Cooper.
George Colton:

To whom by y^e Major vote of y^e Inhabitants was Comitted
power to order all y^e Præsentiall affaires of y^e Town agreeable
thereto is expressed in y^e Court Order with power of giving y^e
for a year or till more be chosen in y^e room.

It was also voted y^e m^r Henry Smith shall have full
power with y^e Townsmen to act in y^e Distribution of what
Lands are to be laid out this year.

Richard Sikes was chosen to p^{re}s^{ent} breaches of Order
as he shall take notice of or y^e shall come to his know-
ledge by information: To w^{ch} officer he is sworn for y^e
year ensuing.

Robert Ashby & Nathaniel Bliss were chosen
surveyors of y^e high ways for y^e year ensuing.

James Bridgman & Benjamin Parsons are chosen
viewers of y^e fences for y^e Town and of y^e Town.

And Miles Morgan & Richard East for y^e represent
of y^e Town.

Decem^r 7. 25th 1651.

Agreed wth Richard Sikes for Ringing &
Bell & sweeping & meeting house for 4
years ensuing viz for 1st of January
1651. to 1st of January 1652. he to car-
ry on & make according as he hath done &
past year. In Recompence whereoff wee
Engage to see him 20th & Sum of 12th weeks
it is to say fifty two shillings for 4 years.
By 7 Select Townsmen

By 7 Select men Henry Smith also concurring
January 7. 9th & Jan 7. 22. 1651. in distribution of
Land.

There is graunted to Antho. Norcheester a p^{ar}cell of plan-
ting Land, over & greater River, at 7 Lower end of Chalky
plaine on this side of 7. 60 acres for 7 ministry, adjoining to
7 brooke, of aboute 8. acres, w^{ch} he is to get measured & Record & quan-
tity, be it more or less.

There is graunted to Sam. Wright Junior 7 acres of
planting Land over Agawam River if it will hold out

~~There is graunted to Tho. Whitch on other side Agawam River, all
7 planting Land of his meadow to 7 Brown of 7 Hill, being
aboute 4. acres.~~

There is graunted to Tho. Cooper, upon 7 Mill River, below Rich Sikes
his meadow a p^{ar}cell of about an acre & 2. of meadow, in 2. or 3. p^{ar}ts, w^{ch}
is due to him in L^{et} of 1. acre & 2. w^{ch} he falls short of on 7 at 7 side &
th^{at} he accepteth, but he not out 1. acre & 2. Lying Remote & River

There is granted to Rowland Thomas 6. acres of meadow, upon 7 Northarne
branch of 7 mil River, in a p^{ar}cell of meadow judged to be 16. or 17. acres, w^{ch} he
berly to make choise at w^{ch} end to begin

There is graunted to Fraunces Pepper 4. acres of meadow adjoining
to Rowland

Also to Tho. Stebbins & J^{no} Stebbins, each of 7. 3. acre, But if 7
meadow hold out 7. acre & but 7. beside Rowland, & fraunces then to
divide it 6. times 7. In case it be more then 7. then all above
6. acres to be at 7 Towns dispose.

There is granted to Tho. Miller one acre & halfe of meadow
down over Agawam River, w^{ch} formerly Tho. Stebbins resigned

Jan 22th 1651

the names of such as have meadow graun-
ted m, & how they are to ly, by lot.

On Tacowfick beginning at $\frac{1}{2}$ lower end

Benja Cooly lvs	1 st	x	3 acres
Anthony Dorchester	2 ^d	x	4 acres
Widdow Blifs	3 ^d		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (it is each of
Roger Pritchard & John Cumbard	4 th		1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre
Nath Pritchard	5 th	x	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Harmon	6 th		2 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Mill River begining lowermost on $\frac{1}{2}$ south
branch, & so going up to $\frac{1}{2}$ little brooke & then
upward to $\frac{1}{2}$ 16 acres, & so over to $\frac{1}{2}$ North branch
at $\frac{1}{2}$ upper end & then come downe more $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre

John Lamb	1 st	x	4 acres
Nath Blifs	2 ^d	x	2
Miles Morgan	3 ^d	x	2
Jno Canoe	4 th	x	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rich Exsell	5 th	x	1 & $\frac{1}{2}$
Jonathan Byet	6 th		1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sam Chafferts	7	x	1
Benja May	8	x	1
James Bridgman	9	x	2
Mr. Noron	10	x	2
Jno Dumbleton	11	x	4
Henry Chaper	12	x	4
Robert Ashby	13	x	3 & $\frac{1}{2}$
John Lamb	14	x	5
Tho. Mirick	15	x	3
Henry Buxt	16	x	3
Wm Waxinar	17	x	1
Rice Bedortha	18		1
Tho Coop	19	x	1
55 John Taylor	20	x	1
Sam Chaper	21		1

But one acre
of it is given
in relation to his
being a ordinary
he is to leave it in
the hands, when
ever he shall cease to
keep it ordinary

Upon condition he
allow a sufficient
cartway

which said acre was given
for a purpose of mowing of a
acre and half of mowing

By 3 Townsmen Feb. 13th 1651

It is agreed that these Rates vnderwritten
shall be gathered this present yeare viz
by March 25th

Impr. for Mr Moxons maintenance — 70.

for killing 5. Wolves — 05.

for Laxbording of y^e meeting
house, cleaing it & Ringing — 11.
& some other Charges

In all 86.

It is agreed & ordered t^h y^e prices of Corne
for payment of all these Rates shall be
wheate at 3^s 10^d & byst; & ryan at 2^s 6^d &
Pease at 3^s & byst

The Persons appointed to take acct of mens
estates & prize cattell are
Mr Holyoke: Tho. Mirick & Joseph Parsons.
The Rate for 7 wolves is to be Raised only
On cattell.

This Rate of 11 was never collected in 1700
being done by 3. Select of 10 persons
concluded by 3. Select of 10 persons
who have it a house in 1651
accordantly done so in 1651

At a Towne meeting, September 14th 1652: There being Consideration had how necessary it was for the Towne to purchase Mr Moxons house & Land ~~from Mr Moxon~~ to Remaine for use of the Ministry to Posterity: Thereupon by the joint Consent of the Towne it was concluded to treat with him about the purchase of it &

Jno Lynchon, Hen. Burr, Sam Chagen & Tho: Cooper, were appointed & deputed by the Towne to bargain for the purchase, who accordingly did agree with Mr Geo Moxon for his house & all his Land in Springfeild to Remaine for ever to the use of the Inhabitants of Springfeild: as is more fully expressed in the Towne Booke for Recording of Land.

And the 15th Novemb^r 1655. It was agreed & concluded by the Towne that all the allotments of Land bought of Geo. Moxon as the house there too belonging should for ever belong to the Ministry in Springfeild & not be otherwise disposed of: Being hereby appropriated & given by the Towne to the use of the Ministry for ever & not otherwise to be disposed of:

Novemb^r. 2. 1652

Nov. 22. 1652 Two
of these Townsmen
being chosen Com:
missioners for the Towne of Springfield
were discharged for Towne 1650 &
worke rest upon last five.

At a Towne meeting It was concluded to
make choise of Seven Townsmen for 4 years
ensueing viz. John Lynchon. Sam Chasen
Geo: Cotton: Hen: Burt: Benja Cooley
~~John Lynchon~~: Tho: Stebbins: Joseph Parsons:

To whom by a joint Consent of a Court at vol
is given full power, to order all & prudentiall
affaires of the Towne, & to act according to
what is exp^lssed in y^e Court orders: These
to continue in this place for a year or till
new be chosen: & Highways

The Surveyours chosen for y^e p^{re}sent year^{ensueing}
are, Robert Ashly Jonathan Burt:

Wm Warrinar & Griffith Joanes are cho:
sen Weivers of fences for y^e upper end
of the Towne, fro y^e meetinghouse up ward:
Alex: Edwards & Sam Wright Grewor are
chosen overseers of fences from y^e meeting
house downe ward.

John Lynchon is chosen Recorder for
the Towne, both to Record Lands, & Towne
orders & what is of Publike occasion of
the Towne.

Dated 22 of September

1652

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It is granted to Thomas' miller by the select men the
rights of planting around their house next to Samuel
miller's planting lot (see copy).

It is also granted at the same time to Samuel miller's field

It is granted to John Lamb 16 acres of planting
around at Chirkaport next in order to his lot for more
ground.

It is also granted to John Lamb 4 acres of more
ground upon the mill river & lying on the lower bridge.

It was requested and said by the said John Lamb
that in case his removal ~~from~~ from the place

It is granted after his date period of 200 should be
paid to the two lots around in the town.

It is granted that he be paid for the two lots
that he be at two more front more than the

It is also granted to Thomas' miller & at the
place of planting around his house to be at
River by the lower bridge.

It is granted that he be not an occasion of trouble and disturbance
to the plantation by any kind of brawling with the
Indians if so be that the said John Lamb be to
the town's hand freely again.

147 Dated the 10 of february — 1652

By the select men

There is granted to samuel marre field this year
the on half of a lot over the riden that the Towne
purchased of Mr morrell at 10 the arbor only for
halfe arbor next to the riden pce is to be abated
twelve pence this pay to be payd in to the town
men half in merchaundable Indian the other half
in merchaundable wheat the 10th of this month
next ensuing the date pce of 100 is to be paid
the uppeside of the lot from front to road
There is also granted to samuel marre field this year
that at other pce of ground broken up in the Town
for 100 it more or less for 100 the arbor in
the same kind of way at the tyme formerly mentioned
that is to say in the year 1643

Dated the 10 of february 1652
By the select men

There is granted to Rirard Gibb this year
all the new ground broken up in the home lot
that was Mr morrells for 100 the arbor to be
payd in wheat or pease the 10th of this month
next ensuing the date here of
It is also granted to Rirard Gibb to pay
the same sum at the same tyme the year
next ensuing the same provided the select
men that shall be chosen for that year
approve it

Dated the 10 of February 1692
By the select men

12 weeks
Kieran Pitt hath consented to ring the BEE
and to sweep the meeting house according to
former terms. Quidded BEE will send E. J. B.
liberty to board the work at a month warning third
pay to be paid half morrhawable Indian and half morrhawable
Indian to be paid at one entire payment at the end
of June next ensuing the date of the BEE but if BEE have the
work after payment is made BEE is to abide by the date
of the BEE granted to Kieran Pitt for ringing
the BEE for marriages and Burialls. I. O. a. l. y. m.
this pay to be paid by the BEE that shall employ
him for any sure service

Dated the 10th of February 1692
By the select men

It is agreed that the Rates under written
shall be gathered for without more
by the 1st of March

for the purchase of Amos's lot
for my self's maintenance
for the bringing up of my self's
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By 2 Select men Febr. 10th 1652

It is agreed & these Rates here vnder writ-
ten shall be gathered this present yeare
viz by March. 25th

Impr^r For 2 Purchase of Mr Moxons Land
& one halfe to be pd this yeare is—35. 00. 00

For Mr Horffords maintenance—50. 00. 00

To John Lynchons^{for} flooring & }
meeting house chamber—10. 18. 00

To John Lynchons for what he pd to Tho:
Stebbins for cleaning^{meeting house} & for merly—0. 10. 00
for Benches on 2 Alley—0. 10. 00
For Ringing & Sweeping An^d 1652—2. 12. 00
For bringing vp Mr Horffords goods—4. 08. 00

To Mr Colton Due of old for 2. journey—0. 5. 00
For his journey down to Mr Horfford—0. 6. 00

To G Branch for his Mare—0. 4. 6

To J Ashly for his Mare—0. 3. 0

for an house glass to Jos Parsons—0. 1. 3

To G Sikes for Ringing & Bell—2. 12. 0

& sweeping &c 2 yeare to come An^d 1653

whole is—107. 12. 06

The Persons appointed to take account
of mens estates & prize Cattle are

Tho: Cooper:

Mr Dumbleton:

Alexand Edwards:

By the select men Dated the 10th of February 1652

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There is granted to Rowland Thomas liberty to ~~take~~^{carry away}
those stonds ~~good~~^{good} gate. Dugd in how far forth witten by his own
of June next ensuing the date hereof no man to molest
him in the manner herein but in case good love any after that
years it shall bee free for any man to take from.

11 These is granted unto John Dunmoltun by reason of his abode
 at the double barrow put for cannot subsist on 14 acres next to
 John Lamb at Chirlopoy provided if in case hee remoueth
 frome with in five years hee shall refigne it up againe in
 12 to the towne and hee shall 14 acres provided hee towne will
 13 for the charges of 14 acres provided hee towne will
 14 Two indifferent men shall judge
 Dated the 20th of June 1600

Dated the 10th of February, 1692

There is granted unto John Gobbins in quarter of the meeting
house chamber at the north side next to the Brook his
first day in November next ensuing the date 1700 of and for
that room 800 is to pay. To be paid in interest
without or more and also to be paid in interest
in the first of October next To be paid to be

There is also granted to William Warner half half of the meeting house chamber next to the great window the 20th of Jan in November next ensuing the date part of and for this room he is to pay 15 to be paid either in mercantile report or mercantile warrant on the 1st of October next

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the 10 of the first mon: 1652

By the select men

this grant fell into the town's hand again

There is granted unto David Burt two acres
of meadow lying next adjoining to his father Henry
Burt's meadow. Quidded hee abide in the town five
years but if hee remove before five years be expired
hee shall yeild it up in to the town's pauid. Quidded hee
towne pay him for what. Cost hee shall bee at a
bout the sayd lot and two meadow men shall judge

Thy 2 acres of meadow was given to Henry Burt
at towns meetings 8 february 1654.

Novemb^r 1st 1653.

At a Towne meeting it was concluded
to make choise of five Townsmen viz

Geo: Colton Tho: Cooper
Robert Affly Benja Cooly
~~Deacon Wright~~ who are to order &
prudentall affaires of $\frac{1}{2}$ Towne for $\frac{1}{2}$
yeare ensuing. & $\frac{1}{2}$ same power is conferred
formerly only $\frac{1}{2}$ Towne reserve to use &
liberty of disposing of their lands.

Joseph Parsons & Miles Morgan are
chosen surveyours for $\frac{1}{2}$ highways &
yeare ensuing.

Rowland Thomas & John Lamb are chosen
viewers of fences for $\frac{1}{2}$ upper end of $\frac{1}{2}$ Towne
fro $\frac{1}{2}$ meeting house upwards, & W Branch
& Anthony Dorchester are chosen viewers
of $\frac{1}{2}$ fence fro $\frac{1}{2}$ meeting house downwards:
for $\frac{1}{2}$ yeare ensuing.

By $\frac{1}{2}$ select men:
it is granted to Benjamin Cooley to have $\frac{1}{2}$ of
the waste and of the meetings house $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
ancient site of the pillory to be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
not of it to be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
in consideration whereof he is to
or warragon by the 2^d of November

September 28. 1653

it is granted will: warrants to us of the north side
of the meetings house chamber from the west side to
the east side and to enjoy it till the first day
in November next and in consideration whereof
has is to pay of in merchantall who all or any one
by the first of November next in full.

September 28. 1653

it is granted will: John Stelling to say and of
the meetings house chamber from the west side to
the east side and to enjoy it till the first day in
November next and in consideration whereof
has is to pay of in merchantall who all or any one
by the first of November next in full.

By the Townsmen march the 16th 1654

it is granted Nathaniel Prichett to meadow
upon the 2 springs that lyeth eastward upon the
northern branch of Pacausack which is to make
the his 4 acres which was granted him in the
division of meadow upon Pacausack

By the select men

whereas there is complaint made of a great
defect for want of a fence all the both one of the
large meadows betwixt the tops of the backe hill
into the River for the security of the said flock

it is thought or ordered by the select men that George
Cuthbert and William Cook shall have full power
to indent with any person or persons for the making
and maintaining of the said fence or to do it
themselves and that the whole propriety of the said
flock shall be liable to contribute to the said
charge and if any man shall refuse to grant
the same he shall be liable to be taken by warrant
granted to the select men to be taken to the
distrain for any such just charge

26th to Townsmen march the 5th (53)

it is ordered that to oversaw of to highway chosen for the
year namely myls morgan and Joseph rayson shall
make a consue or cause to be made a convenient
fast bridge over to mill River in some convenient
place betwixt to place where the mill was formerly and
the mouth of the River as they in their wisdom shall
see most and that it be done by to 25 of this present month

1654

Tho Rates that are to be Raised this year

1st 50 for to ministry

2nd 35 for to purchase of master morgan house and land

3rd 06 for Killings of woodcock

4th 03 for to secretary in to day

1654

agreed with Richard Jeky for Ringings to
Bell and sweeping to meeting house for 52nd year
it is for much money for 52 shillings
he may be at his liberty upon amount of sweeping
if his occasion so require

26th to Townsmen march the 5th 1653

it is ordered that no inhabitant dwelling
in the large meadow shall at any time suffer
any of his or her's to go at liberty in the
meadow with cattle or other beasts
upon to penalty of 5 shillings for every
saucell found for said which fine shall be
60th be levied by the constables who shall have
warrant from the justice of the peace to make such
upon the owner of the said cattle

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 & whereof there is complaint made against the
 dwellers in the long meadow that much swyle is done
 both in meadow and corn land by their swine going
 at liberty. March 14th 1654 by the select men
 it is ordered that no house holder in the
 long meadow shall at any time from the middle
 of February until the frost be broken open suffer
 any of their swine to go at liberty in the
 said frost upon penalty of 5 shillings a swine
 which is sold and for the execution of this
 order the constable upon true information
 given shall have a warrant from the select men
 to distrain the same 3 shillings to the town
 and 2 shillings to the informer. March 16th 1654
 voted by the town that the order above expressed
 concerning long meadow inhabitants shall be such
 by the wife to the towns swine as well as their

- March 14th 1654
 There is granted to Rowd Stebbins one acre & half
 of meadow on the Northerly branch of the Mill River
 between the Denys Men & Deacon Chapman
 There is granted to the church 4 acres of meadow over
 Agassam River between the house meadow & Agassam River
 Likewise to Lawrence Dwyer 4 acres of meadow
 There is granted to Deacon Chapman one of the Northerly branches
 of the Mill River about 1/2 mile of meadow of
 one acre more or less about a quarter of a mile above the meadow
 There is granted to Coor to have 4 hills of meadow
 There is granted to his one of the Northerly branches
 of the Mill River about 1/2 mile of meadow

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The 15. acres of land (or Contey) granted to John Lynchon was laid out to him, pt of it under 7 round hill next to his 3. corner meadow, & pt of it vpon 7 round hill. At going over 7 round hill & leaving a pt of it, John Lyn- chon desired, 7 rest of 7 land on 7 hill & so downe to 7 brooke (called in broode or 3. corner meadow brooke) wherevpon this 26th of March 1656. There is granted to John Lynchon w^t land is remaining vpon 7 round hill, being about 6. acres more or less: all 7 hill, frō 7 highest end of it he is to run along vpon 7 side of 7 hill, on ^{North} side of 7 hill all along vpon 7 brow Northward & so downe at 7 further end to 7 3. corner meadow brooke: So ^{much} as all the Lyn-