Severall particulars which was voted unto by the Towne upon a training day: may the 29 1654

1st it was voted that the parcell of land which the Towne bought of mr moppet lyinge in the plaine beyond the three corner meddow brook should be laide to the comon and that the Towne would be at noe further charge about the maintainge of the fence about it.

2ly it was likewise voted that Thomas Stelling and Benjamin mun should have the use of the training place for pasture for the term of ten years for certaine and for the term of their owne personall lives if they live longer upon condition that they keepe it clear of offensive matter as wood or brush or the like and that they sow it with inglish grass seed:

3ly it was voted to Samuell marshfield that he should have all the overplush of land in the further meadow where Samuell wright and Thomas munn have grant of allotments and all the rest of the said parcell of land is granted to Samuell marshfield provided that it exceed not the quantity of fourtheene acres [redacted]

4ly & three acres of it (being all of it hereout) hereafter specified it was granted to mr John Pinchion 15. acres of the plaine adjoining to his three corner meddow and the to be layd out by the Towns men as they shall see convenient: and in consideration of this said land the said John Pinchion doth promise to purchase 40. sheep within the space of five yeares and to use his best indeavour to bringe them into Towne and their increase of them as he shall see cause provided he pay tenne nobles to the Towne in case any intruder will [illegible]

Contra this an addition to the grant about 50 acres whole about 15 acres lying in the Bend

Novemb. 4 · 1654

Liberty is granted to Benja Cooke for Conveniency of fencing his meddow by Jacowpick river, to run a fence straite over y hill & y land betweene ye & his meddow to be his property

The like liberty is granted to Anthony Dorchester & to Nath Pritchard

There is granted to Mr Holyoke all ye land, meddow & swamp wch lye betweene his meddow in y middle meddow & ye house meddow, togithir wth ye Nooke ye lye betweene y land & y hill at y higher end of y house meddow

59 it was granted to Thomas morrick a parcell of land adjoyning to his mellow lett over agawam provided it exceed not tow acars ~~this grant is under ye hand over ye little bank at ye fire the [illegible] of Mr Pynchon [illegible] a single year~~

60 it was voted thatt Thomas Stelling should bee the Towne measurer

~~these sixe particulars were propounded by vote to the Towne and allso granted~~

November 21th 1654

It a Towne meeting there was Granted to Jno Dumbleton and his wife and Jno lamb Reico Bedortha & Griffith Joane to ~~at Reice Bedortha lot bounded by Geo Alexander~~ a wood lot of 1 3 acres of wet med opposite to their homlots ly to belong to Symo Bearsell who purchased Reice by land there

Also each of ye a wood lot of foure acres the Millers lot

There is Granted to Mr John Pynchon for a farme all ye land on ye other side of Chikkuppy River by ye att River side upward & at ye mouth of Chikkuppy River.

Also there is Granted at Skeponick a farme to Mr Pynchon & Mr Holyoke between them

And Tho Cooper, Tho Stebbins, Rowlo Thomas & Tho Miller are appointed by ye Towne to view ye land at Skeponick & at ye mouth of Chikkuppy River, & up ye att River over Chikkuppy river, & to determine what may be convenient for Mr Pynchon & Mr Holyokes farmes there & to make report what land may be left for ye Towne to dispose

65 The returns of the aforesaid Committee

Whereas Thomas Stebbins Lawrence Thomas Tho Miller & Thomas Cooper were made choyce of by the Towne for the

[illegible]

bounding of two farmes given by the Towne
in 1654 the one farme given to mr John
Pynchon lying over Chickuppe River with y
Islands my said River below the place comonly
called the wading place with a Meddow at y mouth
of the same River on the South side of y sd River,
as also a Swamp betwixt the meddow & the river.
This farme is by us thus bounded viz, to run
from Chickuppe river Northward to the brook call-
up the great River
ed Wullamansepe & so up y brooke to y foot
path y goeth to Squannunganuck & so to follow
the path down to Squannunganuck & from Squa
nnunganuck downe to y mouth of Chickuppe river.
And this is the conclusion of us above mentioned
as witness our hands March: 6: 1659.

Thomas Stebbins. Rowland T Thomas his mke
Thomas Cooper. Thomas T. Miller his mke

The other farme wch was given by the Towne was
at Skeepnuck given to mr John Pynchon & mr Elizur
Holyoke wch were the sd Tho: Stebbin, Row: Thomas,
Thomas Miller & Tho: Cooper by the Townes Order,
bound on this manner as followeth: Chickuppe
river is to be the bounds by the South fro Squannunga
nuck to the brooke one mile above the comon pas
sage over y river, wch is about two miles & half
above Squannunganuck: & on y West bounded by
mr Pynchons farme or y foot path wch goeth from
Squannunganuck to Wullamansepe & on ye North up
Wullamansepe & fro y head of Wullamansepe upon a
square line over to the brooke wch cometh into Chick
uppe river about a mile above Skeepnuck & so to
follow y brook down to Chickuppe river: And this is
the bounds of this farme, witness our hands &c
March 6 1659 Thomas Stebbin Rowland T. Thomas
Thomas Cooper: Thomas T M Miller
his mark

October 31th 1654, this day being made choise of by ye Towne mistead of ye 1st tuesday in Novembr.

At this Towne meeting it was Concluded to make Choise of 5 Townsmen for ye yeare ensueing: viz

Tho: Cooper Henry Burt
Gro Colton Benj Cooly
Robt Ashly To whome by ye Joint Consent of ye Towne: there is full power given to order all ye prudentiall affaires of ye Towne & to act according to what is expressed in ye Court orders: only ye giving out of ye land belongs to ye Towne:

Benja Parsons & Miles Morgan are chosen Surveyors of ye Highways ye yeare ensueing.

John Dumbleton & Rich Exsell are chosen veiwers of fences for ye upper end of ye Towne for ye meeting howse ward. John Harmon & Sam Marsfeild are chosen veiwers of fences for ye meeting howse ward for ye yeare ensueing.

Geoff: Jaines is chosen to present such breacke of orders as he shall take notice of, or ye shall come to his knowledge by information.

The hoomlot & Cowra wch John Stewart
the Pynchon bought it & exchanged it wth
Richard Maund so yt it became Richd Maunds
& so it forfeited to ye Towne But
by ye select men ffor John Pynchon who
had lot it to Deacon Chapin so yt
Deacon Chapin Lot is by next to
Sgmon Beaman sold it wch Pynchon

ffebruary the 8 (1654) twoe parcelly of meddow comonly called by the name of watchuett was granted to twoe inhabitants as ffollowe

vid:		acars
	John Harman	3
	Rich Syck	4
	Laurance Pbliss	4
	Will: Brooks	4
	Anto: Dorchester	3
	Jonath Burll	3
	John mathews	2
provided hee stayed in town	Deacon wright	6
	James Osbourne	3

also to myles morgan in the house meddow 3 acars provided it did not hinder the Towne lott which is to be 9 acars

To John Dumellton all the could springe at the Roar of the 3d devission about 1 acre

also the grant of homelotts to the parsons following

		acars
	Francis Norr house lott	
	hassaky meddow	3
	wth a wood lott of	3
		1
Now Next Lynchons	Seaman a house lott	
	hassaky meddow	3
	a wod lott	1
	John Stewart a homelott of	
	hassaky meddow	3
	a wood lott of	1
	Sam Tory a homelott of	
	hassaky meddow	3
	a wood lott	1
67	Hugh Dudley a homlott of	
	hassaky meddow	3
	a wood lott of	1

The Geant madcoce 3
to the Lynchon ford 3
wth the Lynchon ford 1
This homlot Now Deacon Chapin 3
John Stewart hath sold & fully passed away his grant to the Lynchon his heirs & assigns for ever: the Lynchon hath exchanged a homlot wth Rich Chapin for Rich: to have & to the Lynchon heirs & assigns

also Brewer granted to Tho: Chapin the reversal of the lott which was myle wherein is chickens place & a lot

February 8 (1655) the grant of meadow lying on fresh water River

viz. To mr John Pynchon — acres 20.

and George Coulton and Benjamin Cooley each of them — acres 10.

and if it can be found true John Holling it to have — acres 10

If by Jurymen made upon oath it is to Returned into the Courts hands agreed not by an oath to sell it to any other

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June 1654 There was granted to Obadiah Miller a hom lot of three acres lying in ye plaine next above Hugh Dudly, also three acres of wet meadow & a woolot of 8 rod broad & 80 rod long next above Hugh Dudly as aforesd

There is also granted to Symon Sacket a hom lot of three acres in ye plaine next above Obadiah Miller with three acres of wet meadow & foure acres of woolot; upon condition he stay 5 years in ye Towne shall remove within 5 years it is to returne to ye Towne.

Novr 1655

Jan 2. 1655. There is granted to
Abell Wright a homlot conteining
three acres, ye playne next ye round hill
[illegible] & it is to ly next above
the Towne lot and the continue in Towne 5. years, his to have ye sight of ye Towne
Also there is granted to
of ye wet meddow & foure acres woodlot
upon condition he
continue ye 5. years in ye Towne, after this
or else to forfeite it to ye Towne
he remove wth in 5. years.

This was ye fault made over to Mr John Pynchon

Also there is granted to Mr John Pynchon
Mr Elizur Holyoke a woodlot to their
mill lot conteining Sixe acres and a quar-
ter wch is to run eastward 50. rod long
ye end of ye mill lot up ye mill
river, & to run ye whole breadth of ye
mill lot, yt is to say 20 rod broad, & 50. rod long

There is granted to Robert Ashly foure
acres of wet meddow & other land wch he is to take
as it falls wet meddow & other land wch is to ly
together one wth another, next
above Abell Wright, & to run fro ye high-
way yt goes up to ye roundhill eastward to ye
brow of ye further Hill wch is to ye hither end
of ye woodlots this is granted upon condition
he continue 5. years in Towne or else to leave it
There is also granted to the Cooper foure acres
next above Robert Ashly & to run to ye brow
of ye Hill & woodlots, as Robert Ashly is to run
& this upon Condition he stay 5. years in Towne

The Cooper granted not to run out to hinder a house in ye Towne place to take place of ye Cooper in ye lot

January 30th 1685

There is granted to Tho Stebbins one acre of land in ye wet meddow next above Symon Sacket to run ye whole length ye other doe: & this upon condition he continue five yeares in Towne & further if he shall not desire any more share in ye meddow if it come to be ~~laid~~ given out.

There is granted to Hugh Dudly about 8 acres of land by ye greate river in chikkuppy plain next above John Stewart upon condition he continue 5 yeares in Towne

There is granted to Wm Brookes a peice of ye land on this side ye cold Spring at ye Greare of Goodm Wicks 2 devision being about seven acres provided he continue 5 yeares in Towne or else he is to leave it

There is granted to John Lambert little Stragget of land over ye river betwixt Rowland Thomas & Brooks lots formerly granted; it is turned over to Brooks land

There is granted to Symon Beamon a peell of wet meddow about two or three acres lying about foure mile off ye towne on ye North side ye Bay path provided he continue 5 yeares in Towne

There is granted to Jonath Taylor a stragget of meddow about two acres wch lyes beyond ye mill river in ye way to Goodm Harmons meddow provided he continue 5 yeares in Towne

There is granted to Griffith Joanes a peell of wet meddow on ye south side of ye Bay path about halfe a mile on this side ye 5 mile pond being about 6 or 7 acres provided he continue 5 yeares in ye Towne

Whereas there was formerly a peice of ground granted to the Sikes for a homlot over ye Brook by ye mill, upon his request & ye land betwixt the Banerafts lot & John Wheelers to run fro ye mill Eastward, as far as other mens lotts doe run.

there is granted to the Millers liberty for
mowing of ye wet meddow beyond ye
spring under ye greate hill, provided he doe
not fence it but let it ly comonon for
free feed of cattle to any person, & not to
molest any on these termes he is to have
propriety in it for mowing & not to molest him in
mowing of it.

there is granted to John Stebbins (who
desires to build beyond ye long meddow) a lot off
ffive acres upon ye hill over ye bridge on
ye most convenient place there, wch is to
be 20. rod broad & 40 rod long: & this is
granted upon condition he continue 5. yeares in town
ship to resigne it to ye Towne.

there is also granted to Geo: Colton ffive
acres of land there by John Stebbins on
condition he live 5. yeares on Spring

there is also granted to John Stebbins ffive
acres of land a little beyond ye long meddow on
ye lower side of ye little mirry brooke by some called
Potbrooke, betwixt ye greate river & ye swamp there
& to come up to ye cartway, so ye way be
not straitened by him & yet thence doewards ye
ffive acres is to be made up: & this grant
is upon condition he continue 5. yeares in Springfield

there is granted to Rich Sikes for a woodlot ye
ffive acres of land, on ye further side of ye mill
river on ye east side of ye way as it goeth up ye
gethill, on condition he stay 5. years in Towne:
this lot is to front upon ye mill river & so to run
back along by ye way yt goeth up ye long hill.

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138 January 30th 1655. A grant of land in ye wet meddow, & Low land over ye meddow, beginning all on this side ye round hill: & so goeth forward [illegible] in what order men ly, as was cast by lot, is as followeth

Sam Terry 1st (next to the grant whereoff is 2 acre backward) Robert Ashly & Thomas Cooper land, who hath 1 acre

m Brooke 2d (this 2 acre m Brooke sold to Sam Terry)		John Dumbleton 14th	3 acres
Mr Dudley (so that Sam Terry had 3 acre)	sold it	Mr Pynchon 15th	6
Mr Pynchon land		Benja Mun 16th	3
Symon Sackett (he sold this to Tho Stebbins)	1 3	Obadiah Miller 17th	1 (this is now Mr Pynchon)
Geoffrey Joanes 5th	2	Hr Pepper 18th	1
Rich Exell 6th	2	John Stewart 19th (this John Stewart had sold to Mr Pynchon)	1
Reice Bedortha 7th (sold to Mr Pynchon)	2	Joseph Dudley 20 (now Mr Pynchon)	1
John Lamb 8th (sold to Deacon Chapin)	2	Mr Thomas 21 (sold to Mr Pynchon)	4 (Nath Ely)
Deacon Chapin 9th	3	Abell Wright 22	1
David Chapin 10th	2	Symon Beamon 23	1
Miles Morgan 11th	3 ½	Tho Noble 24	1 ½
m Warriner 12th	3	Mr Holyoke 25 (sold to Tho Noble)	4
Tho Miller 13th (his 2 acres Tho Miller hath sold to Mr Holyoke)	2		

the whole is 56 acres

This land aboueto is given vpon condition these men doe continue 5 yeares in Springfield, & if any p[illegible] doe remove before ye tyme he is to forfeit his land, & it is further agreed a cartway over ye meddow & thorow ye low land is to be laid out in ye most convenient place before the lots be measured out.

A grant of land over ye mill river, ye first lot being to ly next ye mill river, & so thence to go downward, ye lots are to run so ye brow of ye hill, wch ye cartway goes vp, back to ye grt river.

	acre		acre
John Lombard 1st	2	Rowland Stebbins 12th	1 ½
Thomas Merrick 2d	2	Jonath Burt 13th	2
wid Bliss 3d	1 ½	James Osborne 14th	1 (Rich Sikes)
Sam Marsfield 4th	1	Nath Ewitchard 15th	1 (to Richard Sikes)
Rich Sike 5th	4	Anthony Dorchester 16th	3
Deacon Wright 6th	2	John Harmon 17th	3
[illegible] Bliss 7th	1	John [illegible] 18	1
Tho Bancroft 8th	2	John Clarke 19th	2
Ben Cooley 9th	3	John Jonath Taylor 20th (sold the ally the year)	2
Tho Gilbert 10th (this is sold the Rid sike)	2	Tho John Leanord 21 (who hath sold this to Mr Mathew)	3
Ben Parsons 11th	1	the mill lot (Mr Pynchon Mr Holyoke) 22nd	3

It was concluded before these grants were made, that ye Common way shall not be barred out, But yt it shall still goe all along thorough these lots & severall mens Land

[illegible] on condition they continue 5 yeares in Towne or else to forfeit it

Novemb^r 6th 1655.

There was a choise made of 5. Townsmen viz: ~~Tho: Cooper~~ Miles Morgan ~~Benj: Cooly~~ & ~~Robert Ashly~~ John Dumbleton.

Tho: Cooy: Robert Ashly & Benja Cooly refused to serve in ye place being fairely chosen by ye vote of ye Towne for each refusall they are ly able to ye fine of Twenty shillings a peece: & Geo Colton: Tho: Stebbins & John Stebbins were chosen in there roome To whome by ye joint consent of ye Towne there was full power given to order all ye prudentiall affaires of ye Towne & to act according to what is expressed in ye Court order & for ye giving or disposing of land these 5. men or ye Mr. John Lynchon & Sam Chapin! have full power to act therein

but it was agreed not to exact it

Jonathan Burt and John Lamb were chosen for overseers of the high wayes for a yeare ensuinge: Griffith Jones & Rice Bedortha are chosen for viewers of the fences for the higher end of the Town, from the Meetinge house upwards: And Thomas Bancroft & John Lumbard were chosen for viewers of the fences for the lower end of the Town fro the meetinge house downward for the yeare ensuinge

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Likewise at the same Town Meeting John Leonard was chosen Sruber for ye year ensuing: And he took his oath accordingly

likewise Thomas Mirack was chosen to be measurer for such lands as are to be laid out for the years ensuinge

At a Towne meeting Novemb. 15th 1655

It was by Joint Consent voted & Concluded, that Mr Thomson during his Continuance a preaching minister in Springfield shall Possess & injoy the Towne howse lot & howsing standing betweene the lot of Jno: Coop: & Beacon chagrin & all the land thereto belonging (wch formerly the Towne bought of Mr Moxon) the howsing & all & severall ~~parcells~~ of land thereto belonging ~~[illegible]~~ all the profits thereoff, hereby given to Mr Thomson for the tyme he shall continue amongst vs in dispensing the word of God & ~~[illegible]~~ carying on the place of a preaching Elder, & when he shall cease to be a preaching minister then the howsing & land to returne into the Townes hands.

It is also further voted that the Towne will repaire the howsing & fencing & put it in a Comfortable condition & so Mr Thomson is to keepe it, & leave it in like good repaire.

As also they intend by the help of God to Continue Mr Thomsons maintenance [illegible]

& to give him a peece of land (by reason of the inability of the Towne to encrease his maintenance) viz Thirty acres

72 [illegible]

142 It was further voted ye 15th Nov 1655.

To give Mr Thomson for his owne quietly provided he now continue 5. yeares in Towne as followeth viz

a homlot of fowre acres (& neereest land viz The Towns fowre acres on this side & round hill which is vndivided off) as also Sixe acres of meadow before [illegible] to a meadlot of Sixe acres adjoyning to it at ye eastend of it

likewise Twenty acres of land in Chikkuy plaine over ye greate river, lying next above Anthony Dorchester land.

Mr thomson doth this grant by reason being to this Towne soone after he so land remaines to ye Towne

this grant void ye Towne requiring land to it against Rock hill 13 10 1656

Mar. 7th 1655 There was granted to Sam Terry ye ten acres of land in Chikkuy plaine over ye greate river next below John Humberson it being at John Humberson

Mr Thomson giving his caution in behalf of the Towne before the [illegible] years

At a towne meeting Decemb. 3. 1655 there being a question propounded to ye Towne by ye Select men (in regard of Mr Thomsons not making vse of ye Towne house for ye space) whether it were ye minds of ye Inhabitants if they should not withstanding goe on wth ye repairing of ye howse as formerly was agreed on. And it was by vote agreed in ye affirmative viz That ye repairing of ye howse should be carried on notwithstanding as formerly agreed on.

At ye same Towne meeting it was voted & agreed to by ye whole to increase Mr Thomson his maintenance 10^li per annum viz 30^li per annum so much at least for this present yeare [illegible] advantage by ye howse and land.

It was

It was further voted & agreed upon this 3d
December 1655:

That hence forward ye land of ye plantation
shall be rated (not according to ye number of acres
as formerly) but according to ye vallue & worth
of ye land, as it is at ye present, or as it shall be vallued
fro yeare to yeare, & so all land is to be brought
into all rates, as so much estate: & ye estate of ye
plantation viz living stock is to be rated to
all rates as formerly but now ye land is joined to it ac-
cording to its vaughtyn.
It is also further ordered yt howsing shall
be vallued, & brought in to ye land & stock
of ye plantation as so much estate, each every
ffon is possessed off, & so proportionably to each mans estate every
ffon is to pay to all rates whatsoever:

And it was agreed yt ye Townemen for ye present, & to yeare to yeare it needbe ye shall set ye price on ye lands of ye plantation to vallue what land every man is possessed off ac-
cording to ye true worth of it, wth other men
w are equall proportion: As also to prize & val
lue every mans howsing in an equall proportion

And further it is concluded yt it is meete
& requisite, yt every ffon should allow some
maintenance to ye ministry, though not posses
sed of land or estate to rate him there to:
& therfore it is agreed yt every ffon being at
not a son nor servant
& not a son or servant
wholly at his owne hand, who hath noe land or estate
ye benefit of his labor
whose Land & estate doth not amount to
5lb a yeare in the rate: That every such ffon
shall be liable to pay to ye ministers
maintenance, five shillings p annum:
& ye intent of this order is not to ffree any howsholder
whose estate may not reach to pa
much rather are to be set down
to ye minister by virtue of this order.

144 At a Towne meeting Jan. 7. 1655

1. It was agreed & concluded ye land at Woronoco (being laid to this Towne by ye Court) should be disposed off: To wch end.

Febr. 7. 1659. The Towne put a order to this Committy & have put it into ye Townesmen hands to act in ye difficulty but von of this & all ye lands of ye Towne

John Lynchon: Mr Holyoke Geo: Colton: Benja Cooly Jno: Cooper were appointed & designed by ye Towne, to ye worke, to whom power was given to dispose of ye sd land at Woronoco to such men as they saw fit: & what quantity they should give to any, or whomsoever they wth their best discretion saw fit: it should be esteemed as their power & ye act of ye Towne.

2. Whereas upon ye making of ye order over ye former leafe Dec. 3. 55 that all land should be vallued as somuch estate, & so accordingly be liable to pay to all rates; there upon some dispute hath bin concerning ye land in ye 3. corner meddow, on this side end Brooke, wch Mr John Lynchon & Mr Holyoke & Jno Dumbleton is possessed off whether though it were first granted in free frs all charges for ever as in p. 2. at ye beginning of this Booke, yet whether their owne votinge to ye order over ye leafe that all land should be vallued & so pay to rates did not cut off frs their first priveledge of injoying ye land rate free, It was concluded by ye Towne ye first grant of it free frs charges forever to their heires & assignes stands firme &

& good, & ye Towne would not take advantadge att ye [illegible] of theire [illegible] not
executing att it, in theire voting; but would
notwithstanding, & doe hereby allow ye land
to be free from all charges for ever
viz: Twenty acres to Mr John Pynchon
his heires & assigneys for ever, Ten to John
Dumbleton & Ten acres to Mr Holyoke their
heires & assigneys for ever, to be free fro
all Towne charges ye [illegible] to say ffro all char
ges wch may ensue [illegible] or be
[illegible] this land aforesd
[illegible] for ever
stands [illegible]

3 It is agreed yt ye price of Indian Corne
for this yeare shall be abated as well as other
graine & henceforward till ye Towne se
cause to alter ye Indian Corne shall
be accounted at ye price of Two shil-
lings & [illegible]

4. There being some question [illegible] about ye bounds
of land whether men should [illegible] all ye land
[illegible] bounds laid out to them though they were
more number of acres [illegible] granted on
it was voted & concluded yt where any
mans ffeeld & ye bounds of his land was
made & manifest [illegible] without alteration,
[illegible] have & injoy all ye land wtl
[illegible] bounds, though more number of acres
[illegible] in such bounds, [illegible] to him were in ye ffield bounds,
[illegible] nor wrong his neighbor ye [illegible]

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ffebr 1655

It is agreed ye these Rates here underwritten shall be made & gathered this pr sent yeare viz by March 25th

Imprs for Mr Thomsons maintenance — 60

for mending ye glass of ye meeting house ringing ye Bell & keeping ye house swepting, & other [illegible]

For the Howse [illegible] Katherine [illegible] march, & some [illegible]

It is agreed yt for ye gathering ye rates of these Rates, & for future of all Towne Rates there shall be some one man or men appointed [illegible] shall give due warning to every man to bring in his Rate at ye day & place appointed. & if any man having had due warning shall refuse or neglect to bring in his rate to ye person appointed to receive it at ye day set: then such person so failing to bring in his rate shall pay as a fine over & above his rate 10s overplus for a legall rate & if ye rate be above 10s then [illegible] for all rates above 20s 2s in ye pound such overplus [illegible] ye rate, ye person appointed to gather in ye rates shall demand of ye party at his house & [illegible] of non payment calling in [illegible] are to demand or distraine [illegible]

At a Court meeting January th 30 1655

it was voted by the Court, that for the settle mult of the Toll of the mill it should be the 18 part ~~part~~ of the bushell for all sorts of grain that shall be here ground, and to bring work Mr Pinchon with Mr Hollyoke who were the owners of the said mill doe consult ~~[illegible]~~

March 24th 1656

It is voted by joynt consent with the Plantation that Lieut Thomson hath deserted this Plantation & so we are left destitute in respect of any ~~[illegible]~~ ministry of ye word for continuance that therefore these persons ~~[illegible]~~ shall take counsell among themselves ~~[illegible]~~ & apply my work that they shall take with other that to them shall seem good by sending abroad for advice in this matter: and for accordingly they shall give information to the Town wt they have done or think convenient to be done: the persons hereunto chosen are Mr Pynchon, Deacon Chapin George, Colton, ~~[illegible]~~, Benjamin Cooley Deacon Wright & Eliz Holyoke

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It was further voted and agreed this 24th March-56 that whereas yesterday being the Lordsday Diacon Wright was chosen to dispense the word of God in this place till some other should be gott for y work, y Diacon Wright shall have for his labor in y imployment 50s y month for such tyme as he attends on the sud work:

May. 17th 1656. there is granted to Rich Maund three acres for a homlot. three acres of ground on this side y round hill next above Mr Abell Wright's lot. Rich Maund hath sold away to Mr Lynchon breadth. 10. rod. length. 50. ~~by exchange Mr Lynchon having secured his lot and was John Howes lot of Rich Maund and John Howes lot was granted to the Young: it is granted to Mr Lynchon Mr Lynchon and John Howes~~

There is granted to Rowland Thomas & Symon Beamon Meere Skeponick on this side of Chickuppy river.

To Rowland Thomas first in y Neck. 18. acres, & to Symon Beamon. 12 acres And without y neck first for Rowland Thomas. 4. acres & to Symon. 4 acres. This land in y Neck fell short & so is abated to each their share p Record.

Sept 10 1656

There was granted to Benjamin Cooley 10 acres of land adjoyning unto the parcell of land formerly granted to John Lenard adjoyning to the hitherward of Boyd meadow provided the said Benjamin doe allow a cartt way of 4 rod broad and that he continue in towne 5 yeare

4 Rod high way at long medo

Sept 10 (1656) there is granted to John Lambert the remainder of y land betwixt good hill and Benjamin Cooley his lott above bounded provided he be not detrimentall to the highway and that he continue 5 yeare in towne

Whereas Wee: John Pynchon: Elizur Holyoke: Geo Colton
Tho Cooper, & Benja Cooly, were appointed by ye Towne
to dispose of ye land at Woronoco wch ye Court hath
laid to this Toronehip: Having made a View of
ye land, there we judge it may be devided into foure
pts, & so distributed to foure severall ptes:
the first pt of it lyeth on this side ye river next to
Springfield up by ye river side: & opposite agt it
on ye further side of ye river lyeth another
pt or portion: & then further up ye river
lyeth ye other 2 pts or portions of land togi=
ther on this side ye River.

These severall pts of land lying remote frs
ye Towne, & there being noe appearence of any to
at present, it could make vse thereoff: we thouf
good to commend it to ye Towne to allow some reuve=
ledges for incoridgement to such as would appeare to live so remote:
Where vpon this 2. of June 1656. By ye Joint Consent
of ye Plantation it is agreed & ordered That for Sixe
yeares ensueing frs ye date hereoff: The land at Woronoco
with such ratable estate as ye owners thereoff shall haue there, shall
be rated but halfe so much as other land & estate in
Springfield, And for ye incoridgmt of Jonath &
John Gilbert, they shall be freed frs paying any
Rates to ye Towne for one whole yeare
after ye. 29th day of Septemb next.

August ye. 9th 1656. Jonath Gilbert, & John
Gilbert desiring a grant of Land at Woronoco
Wee who were appointed by ye Towne to act in
ye disposall thereoff, Considering theire desires
doe judge meete to bestow vpon them
one of ye foure pts of land there. viz
this. 9th of August 1656. There is granted to Jonathan
Gilbert & to John Gilbert Joint: That first
pt of ye land at Woronoco: by

on this hither side of Woronoco river next to Spring
feild (wch is ye Northeast side) upon condition they doe build upon
it, & make some improvement of it, by Michaltide come 12 Month
& further upon condition they carry on some improvement thereoff
for 5. yeares together & yt they doe not sell it or
~~[illegible]~~ pass it away till they have injoyed it 5.
years in case they doe it is to be forfeited to ye Towne
upon these termes (they performing) That first portion of land
lying by Woronoco river on this side of it being about
is granted to Jonath & John Gilbert jointly to them &
their heirs for ever. They are (wth wt conveniency they can)
to get it measured & record it in ye Booke of records
also they are to give chase at ye Indians right & to treate
wth ye Indians for ye purchase of ye right

Decemb. 10th (58) Jonath & Jno Gilbert having forfeited their
right to ye land aforesaid, upon their request & desire
advantage may not be taken of forfeiture agt them, provided they build there
of ye land before ye number next, & continue it 5 years, this ye
time; ~~[illegible]~~ And we
receive a full & sufficient Cart way through the
[illegible] farmes, & we shall judge most convenient for passage for
their portion to be bounded & set out.

The 2 portion of land ~~next to Jonath Gilbert~~ on this side of
Woronoco river granted to Tho Cooper provided he build &
make improvement there ye end of April next come 12 Mo & con
tinue so to doe 5 years, reserving a highway thorow
ye sd portion of land to be set out & bounded by us
Tho Hitchcock, Geo Colton, & Benj Cooper granted decemb. 10. 1658.

John Clarke, Wm Brook & Jno Sackett have ye land on ye [illegible]
side of Woronoco river granted provided they build
& make improvement there ye end of April come 12 Mo & continue
so to doe 5 years, reserving a highway thorow
ye land to be set out & bounded by us
Tho Hitchcock, Geo Colton, & Benj Cooper granted decemb. 10. 1658.

1656

At a towne meeting novembr the fourth it
was agreed by the inhabitants that there 4 men
viz. Deacon wright Deacon chapman & should have
mr Hollyoke Henry Ewarts
twelve pounds allowed them by the towne for
their labours formerly spent amongst ye in the
lord work on the sabbath and the sayd twelve pound
to be disposed of to each particular by the
selectmen

it was further voted that the inhabitants would
allow after 50 pr year to such as did labour
in the sand works amongst ye for future till such
time as we should have a settled ministry amongst
ye and the sayd 50 lbs wise to be disposed of
by the selectmen unpossible to quantify of each
many particular labours

At the same Town Meeting Nov 4th 1656 /

There was a choyce made of Select men for Ordering the Prudentiall affairs of the Town viz

Thomas Cooper George Colton, Thomas Gilbert
Benjamin Cooley and Robert Ashley

Willyam Warrener is chosen and desired to continue in his office of a Constable: and thereto he aggreed:

Edward Lamett is chosen his Deputy:

Dyne Chapm was chosen to y Office of a Sealer forweights and Measures: who took his Oath accordingly

Elizur Holyoke was chosen for the Recorder till m Pynchons returne or for the yeare ensuing:

John Herman was chosen to y office of a Presenter to present breaches of Lawes of the Country or of Town Orders: to each Serjeant he broke his oath:

Daniell Mershfield and Nathaniel Pritchard were chosen Surveyors of the Highways for y yeare ensuinge:

And for viewers of the fences for the yeare ensuing were chosen Anthony Dorchester and Lawrence Bliss for the lower end of y Town from the Meetinge house downward: from the meetinghouse upward being the Hyghe end of y Town were chosen Thomas Miller and Benjamin Munn:

At this same Town Meeting there was granted to Rowland Thomas a peece of Meadow Land on the Mill River on y further Branch thereof a little above the falls wch are above the [illegible] wch peece of Meadow contayning about [illegible]

At a meeting of the select men December 5th (1656)

it was granted to Wm: Coley the use of the north end of the meeting house chamber for the said year paying — 7

Also it was granted to Tho: Cooper the north side and the east end of the same chamber paying — 13

February the 13 1656

it was granted to Abell wright a allotment of 20 acres which late formerly bonne in the hand of Rowl: Thomas lying in the great plaine over the great river called chickpee plaine) provided he continue 5 years in town

Likewise there was granted unto Anto: Dorchester 10 acres of upland on the southwest side of chickpee plaine beginning at the little springe and so to run south east till it make up 10 acres provided he continue in town 5 years

Likewise there was granted to Lawrence Willis liberty to occupy the lott of meadow in his present possession for that which was formerly given wright but now fallen into the hand of the town) and likewise 2 acres over the millrun amongst the small lotts which formerly was given to Edwin wright: provided he continue in town 5 years

Likewise there is granted to george coulton a peece of land lying by the great river side on the east syde about 3 quarters of a myle below longe meadow bridge till twixt the brow of the hill where he cart way now goeth and the great river and to the bounds of the swamp more about a dozen acres provided he continue 5 years in town

[1656] by the selectt men December 5th [1656]

It is ordered that noe parson within this towneship shall suffer any his swine aboue 3 months ould to goe abroad out of his yarde from the first of march next vnto the last of novembr dyrett they be sufficiently ringe vpon penalty of 6d pe time for any swine soe found that is aboue 3 months of age dyrett such swine as are vnder a constant keepers charge abroad in the woods. And for the well executing of this order we have appointed John Stepard twice every week during the sayd time that is to say betwixt the first of march and the last of novembr to goe throughout the towne to take notice what swine are vnringe according to the intent of this order and to demande 6d of the owners for every such swine and in case any shall refuse to pay vpon his complaint warrant to be granted by the selectt men to be constable to distraine soe shall haue for his paine vpon every distress soe made 7d and nott withstanding we haue appointed him to goe thorough the towne but twyse a week yett he is nott yearly prohibited to goe as often as he sees cause but but twyse he is nott to goe

[1656] by the selectt men December [illegible]

It is likewise ordered that noe swine shall goe at liberty on the otherside of the great riuer aboue two months in the yeare viz from the middle of December to the middle of February vpon penalty of 12d for every swine so found and for every time he is so found which sayd 12d shall be demanded by the grand jury man whose care it is to see to the breach of this order and if any shall refuse to pay warrant shall be granted to the constable to make distress who shall haue for his paine for every such distress and hereby it is declared that good information by any shall be of equall force as if the grand jury man had seene it himselfe

by the Selectmen — Decembr 5th 1656 (155)

it is ordered that every and all the inhabitants betwixt
Mr John Pinchon and to the lower syde of Wm. parsons
who are proprietors of any part or parcell of the
neck mentioned before our bounds shale take course to
clear and scour the brook soe far as trees fell or lattments
is in readiness in the sayd meadow and that it be done
sufficiently to the aprobation of the Selectmen and that
by the last of June next upon penalty of 3s 4d
pr week for every parcell that is found undone at
that time and soe to continue 3s 4d pr week till
the work be fully done the which fines shall be
duly levied by the constable and improved for
publique use

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1686 Att a Towne meeting ffebruary the 18 (56)

it was voted that Mr Hollyock and Henry Hurlbutt should carry on the work of the schoolg in this place but in case that through any providence of god one of them should be disinabled that Decon chapin should supply that present vacancye:

more over they Towne voted to allow them after 50 a year that is to say from the 4th of nove vember last to time they began and to continue till the towne hand another supplye or shall see cause to alter their action in that particular but they could achyll but of 40 nuts which the Towne assented

it was allso voted that they would allow to: Decon wright Decon chapin Mr Hollyock Henry Hurlbutt 12d for their labour the last Soomer which they spent in that worke

at a Towne meeting ffebruary the 18 1656 (157)

it was voted by consult that whosoever within the Townshipe shall kill any ffox or ffoxes within the bounds of the Townshipe shall be allowed 3s: for every ffox soe killed provided they bringe the body or head onto any of the selectt men

This order was afterward repealed & only 12d. a peece allowed for every fox killed w'in y bounds of y Towne

march 9th (56)

At a Towne meeting it was voted that whosoever at any towne meeting is warned by the selectt men or by their appointment they shall be the major parte present before any acte that passeth shall be bindinge to the whole but when the major parte is assembled they shall have liberty to acte in what concerneth their present meetinge and the rest shall stand to such actes soe passed: and it was further voted that that when there shall be due warninge given that is to say 3 days warninge and it was further voted that if there 3 days the Towne meetinge day is one of the three: and the day before is another and the day before that is ordered to be the 3 days: and if any person which is an inhabitant shall not be present when the meeting is crained and ordered the major parte of the inhabitants be present before the moderator doe begine the meeting he shall be liable to stand to take any such inhabitant shall withdraw without leave of 3d or if any shall withdraw without leave or departe before the meetinge be concluded by the moderator shall be liable to the same fine which says fine shall be distributed to such as doe attend the meetinge in due time warned by the major parte which shall be levied by the Constable in the particular fine for his [illegible] or every

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march 9th (1656) it was voted that for the
comonfilds heer about the Towne that if they be
well fenced at each ends of the seuerall fields
thereunto the great rivers it was accounted sufficient
fence for such parts of the fields the intent of this
order is to keep men from fencing along the riuer
banks from the lower richarfe to the head of the plaine

it was likewise voted that for every shoine that
is found in any inclosed ground about the towne
if the hoard lotts meddows before the day of drawing
meddow on the plaine above shall pay 1 for every
shoine for found besides all damadge that may be
done by such shoine the which 1 is to be paid by
the owner of the shoine to the informer provided
this order take not place before the 10 of April next

it was likewise voted that for shoine ouer the
great riuer should be fed to go at liberty from
the time that cattle are at liberty to go heer
provided they be sufficiently ringed & in case
they are found unrung from the 1st of
March to the 1st of December yearly to
pay 2s 6d a peece half to the informer & half
to the Towne they are to be Ring sufficiently, to
prevent Rooting

this clause added by the select men decem 31 1660

At a Towne meeting Novem^br. 3. 1657.

There was a choise made of five select men for ordering ye prudentiall affaires of ye Towne viz)

Robert Ashly, John Dumbleton, Thomas Gilbert.
Miles Morgan, Jonath Burt.

Sam Marshfeild was chosen Constable for this yeare & was sworne by ye Comissioner, ye day above^sd according to ye order. Anthony Dorchester was chosen his deputy.

Tho: Bancraft & Tho: Miller were chosen sgenters to sgent breaches of lawes of ye Country or Towne orders to such service they tooke the^ire oaths.

John Lumbard & Reuce Bedortha are chosen Surveyours for repairing of ye Highways for this yeare ensueing.

The veiwers of fences chosen for ye yeare ensueing are Benja Larson & John Chatters for ye lower ye of ye Towne fro ye meting house downward, & Wm Warnar & Symon Sackut fro ye meting house vpwards.

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Novembr. 9th 1657. At a Towne meeting there was granted to Mr John Lynchon in lew of his want of land in his lot over ye great river wch upon measure now appeares to be but 26. rod broad when at it was granted 30. rod, in lew of his want of the 4 Rod of ground ~~then~~ breadth: there is granted to him what vacant ground is at ye west end of ye his ye lot betwixt it & ye 3d devision flank & ye brow of ye hill as also all ye common ground at ye west end of Mr Holyokes lot & at ye west end of Mr Smiths lot fro ye reare of theire lots to ye brow of ye hill agt ye meddow, & joining agt Mr Lynchon meddow, being about foure or five acres more or less.

At ye same meeting it was agreed yt ye select Townesmen for ye yeare ensueing shall have power to give out, & dispose of land, as in their best discretion is fit.

There is granted liberty to Symon Beamon to dig a sellar to work in for this winter in ye Towne lot provided he fill it up againe in ye spring.

Mr Holyoke is made choise of to carry on ye worke of ye Sabbath once every sabbath wch he accepts of.

Mr Lynchon is made choise of for one part of ye day once a fortnight wch he will indeavor to attend sometimes by reading notes if soome by his owne meditations till March next.

Deacon Chapin & Henry Burrell are made choise of to carry on ye other part once a fortnight

for wch theire paines they are allowed after forty pound a ye are for ye disposing whereoff to ye select Townesmen are to act therein:

at a meetinge of the townsmen the 8th of December
Robert Ashly was chosen sealer by the towns
men and the constable for this year

it is agreed upon by the townsmen having
taken in to consideraty on the great
damiy that arise to the towne by swine
it is thearfor ordered that if any swine shall
be found in any corne fields or meadows or any
inclosed grownd the said swine not being tuing
the owners shall be lyable to pay two shilings
for every such default besides paying all
damyges that may be done by such swine
also if any swine be found in any inclosures
the swine being tuing the owners of such swine shall be
lyabel only to pay the damige thear of
~~paying nothing~~ that such swine may doe
but al swine going in the street shall not
be lyable to any fine also if any ~~man~~
manes swine be in his owne inclosed grownd
whear as no man wrounged but him selfe
he shal not be lyable to breach of order
of tow shilings

March 4th 1657 There is a dispensation for this yeare
for cattle shall not goe over all beare shaue
over the river allowing
liberty for all cattle (except swine) to goe at
liberty there, till the first of April in case
any shall be damnified due satisfaction be allowed him

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162 November 2d: 1658: there was granted by the towne
unto Rowland Thomas a peece of woodland at the rear
of Mr Hollyocks woodlott: not exceeding sixe acres in
breadth whereoff was to be the breadth of Mr Hollyocks
and to runne in length soe far as to the rear of
Mr Pincheon

At a Town meeting held the 4th of January 1657.

thes highways which followsth, being agreed vpon, & laid out (formerly) by ye Select men: were publikely declared, & setled::

Imprs: Ordered & agreed, that there shallbe a high-way on ye west side of ye greate River: frd Agawam River mouth on ye South along by ye grt River side Northward vntill it come into ye Common, containing three rod in breadth frd ye top of ye Bank by the greate River side:: Also ye at ye Common Landing place vsually called ye Hay place: against Miles Morgan, & Wm Brookes, & Symon Sackets lots: The High way shallbe at least five rod broad there, for a place to set hay on: for ye vse of any of ye: it is to be a Common Hay place

High way

2. Ordered & Agreed that there shallbe a highway frd ye Comon Hay place aforesd, to ye flank of ye third devission containing two rod broad, one rod of it to be taken out of Wm Brookes his lot & ye other Rod out of Rowland Thomas lot wch now Symon Sackett possesseth: Satisfaction being already made on ye by allowance of Land in other place: this High way when it comes to ye flank of ye 3d devission is then to turne & run southward at ye reare of ye 2d devission Lots & by ye flank of ye 3d devission: & this High way is to run southward downe to ye front of ye third devission & then to turne westward & run at ye front of ye 3d devission, betweene ye 3d devission & ye medow lots containing two rod in breadth to ye further side of Mr Smyths 3d devission wch now Mr Lynchon possesseth:

3. Ordered & agreed that there shallbe a highway

of one rod & halfe broad run frd ye highway at ye front of ye 3d. devission, all along ye Towne lot downe southward into Agawam river, this Highway to be taken out of ye Townelot wch lyeth betwixt Mr Holyoke & Sam Chapin, & to lye on ye side of ye Townelot wch is next to Sam Chapin: this rod & halfe of ground aforesd is still to belong to ye Towne lot so, as ye whosoever hath it of ye Towne shall have ye grass or whatsoever may grow upon it allowing liberty for a Passable highway: noe other man being to claime any other priveledge here but only for a Passable way of one rod & halfe broad.

4. ordered & agreed that there shall be a highway allowed of a rod broad, at ye end of Rowland Stebbins, Thomas Millers, Jonath Burts & Robert Ashlys meddow lots by Agawam river (viz) at that end of theire meddows next to Mr Smith Pickle meddow, & so to run at ye end of Mr Lynchers meddow that joynes to Mr Smiths & betwixt Mr Smiths & John Clarks straight to ye highway at ye front of ye 3d. devission:

high way

At a Towne Meeting Novemb.r 2. 1658 (161

There was a choise made of ffive Select Townesmen for ordering ye prudentiall affaires of ye Towne for this yeare enseuing

The ffoure chosen are { Tho: Cooper
Benj Cooly:
Jonath Burt:
Wm Warriner, &
Robert Ashly:

John Harmon &
John Lamb are chosen Surveyours for repairing of ye Highways yt belong to ye Towne: for ye yeare ensueing

Serjant Stebbins &
Serj Morgan are chosen veiwers of fences for ye upper pt of ye Towne frd ye meeting house upwards

Laurence Bliss
& Nath Pritchard are chosen veiwers for ye lower pt of ye Towne frd ye meeting house downward

Nov: 2.

There is granted by the Towne unto Roland Thomas, a parcel of woodland, at the Rear of mr Stykes woodlot, not exceeding fix. acres the breadth whereof was to be ye breadth of mr Stykes, and to run in length soe far as to ye Rear of mr Dynehams (viz) woodlot.)

Turne back one leaf & so ye page on the left hand.

At a Towne meeting Jan. 10th 1658

It was fully agreed & ordered That the Gate at ye higher wharfe shall be set in repaire att ye Spring of ye yeare. & yt ye sd Gate shall be kept in repaire & well hung frō yeare to yeare & after fences be made vp in ye Spring yearely the sd Gate shall be always kept shut till all ye feilds about it be brooken vp: & if any pson shall throw open or leave open ye sd Gate frō ye time of making ye fence in ye Spring till liberty of laying ye feilds Comon, such pson shall forfeite five shillings to be pd to him yt shall take notice thereof who is to sue for it & Receive it, one halfe to himselfe & ye other halfe for ye vse of ye Towne towards keeping ye sd Gate in repaire.

This is left to the Select men

29th Dec. 1667

It is further agreed & ordered That ye Greate River is & shall be accounted a fence, & shall stand for a fence both for vs on this side, & also for ye land meddows & Cornefeilds on ye other side of ye sd river; ~~And the people shall not be compelled to fence in their meddows & Cornefeilds any where on ye west side of ye greate River, by any other fence But yt ye sd River shall serve for yt end to preserve Cornfeilds & meddows & to prevent & safe ye Greate charge of fencing~~ Only there is liberty Granted to ye inhabitants dwell on the west side of ye Greate River: That if

This to be transcribed

Repealed Dec 29th 1667

That if they will secure all ye Cornefields & meddows on ye west side of ye great river, from receiving any dammadge by any of theire Cattle: They shall haue liberty to improve ye Common there (for feeding of theire cattle) by fencing it out for mens allotmts there & those yt live on this side of ye River are not to put over theire Cattle to feed on ye Common & to oppose yt Common such they shallbe at charge to fence out, without theire Consent vnless they joine with ye on theire charge of fencing it, or allow of for there Cattle feeding as indifferent men shall judge And this Priveledge & liberty is granted ye for 12 yeares frm this yeare 1658.

It is ordered yt Cattle of all sorts belonging to this Towne, shallbe marked with some distinct knowne marke, for such end every owner of any cattle shall repaire tymes to tyme to ye Recorder to take heere vpon record each mans particular marke, & this to be done by ye 1st of March next ordeile ye owner of such Cattle shall forfeite 5s to ye Towne: And every man is to marke all his Cattle accordingly by ye 1st March next

The Firmes order.

And it is further ordered that frm tyme to tyme hence forward every mans Cattle shall be marke by yt tyme they are 3 months old, & if any ye sons Cattle shall be found vnmarked at ye Three months old he shall pay 2s 6d ye sonne yt shall informe agt him

There is liberty granted to the Coomer to keeye a ferry at ye lower wharfe to land on ye other side ye mouth of Agawam river, & none are to carry over any ye forsh ye or Cattle over

ye greate River to take any pay except they allow & pay it to ye ffd Tho: Cooke unless it be such as Pass over ye River to their worke &c in their owne & neighbours vessell.

And ye Priveledge of this ferry is granted to him for 21. yeares ffrd this yeare 1658: And ye ffd Tho: Cooke is to provide a good boate & cannoe & to carry over ffoot at the Rate following: a single ffoot at 3d a tyme allabout one 2d a peice: horse & man at 8d ye is to say 6d a horse, only the Inhabitants of this Towne are to be carried over when they call with a horse for 5d horse & man, & ye Droake of oxen are to be carried for 6d when ye Inhabitants of this Towne go over Cattle & any of this Towne ye shall pass as troopers are to goe free when upon trooping occasions.

There is Granted to John Leanord 40 acres of land on ye highland adjoyning to the Chirick meddow over Agawam.

also two acres next to it is granted to the Chirick Soide it give noe inconvenience to ye Leanord Grant

Mr Pynchons Grant There is Granted to Mr John Pynchon over Agawam River upon ye upland att ye howse meddow & middle meddow: 40 acres of land, adjoyning to ye howse meddow & middle meddow, upon ye highland on ye forth side the path to Runtowards ye great River.

There is Granted to Benja Cooke ye his land at ye hither end of ye long meddow shall run to ye Brow of ye hills on ye East.

Tho: Noble & James Warriner have liberty to lopp & injoy ye two acres of wet meddow on this side ye round hill formerly granted said Cooke & forfeited to ye Towne. ~~The same to the said Tho: Noble & James Warriner & Tho: Noble is wholly & severally accounted the sole owner of the said land & is absolutely his ye Tho: Noble to dispose of & belong to Tho: Noble & is absolutely his ye Tho: Noble to dispose of~~

The Smith's Shop was given to John Stewart: as his own forever.

At a Towne meeting ffeb. 7th 1658.

There was a full & vnanimous accepptance of Mr Hooker to dispence ye word of God to vs, & whereas he at pſent will not certainely ingage to vs longer then 3 Months, the Towne doe agree & ingage to give & allow him 20s for ye ſd three months & wth all manifest theire desires & hopes of his further Continuance amongst vs, & being willing to continue ye like further allowance vpon his further Continuance &c.

And Mr Lynchon Mr Holyoke & Deacon Chapin were appointed to acquaint ye Towne's mind & desires to Mr Hooker, who accordingly did it, & Mr Hooker manifested his willingnes to help vs, but his Coming to a resolution should take rise from this pmise for pſent could resolue noe further then three months as aforesd.

It was further agreed ye there shalle be a Rate of 20 made & gathered for Mr Hooker in satisfaction for his laines yt ye May next & in case for allowance for ye next quarter there shalle be occasion to allow him or any other another compleate 20s, that it shall then be raised & gathered according to this first rating without new getting of estate & making of a new rate. And this to stand good by virtue of this Towne act.

It was further agreed ye Towne Rates shall be made ye same way as formerly without any new ratings.

A further it was agreed by ye Towne That for them who have carried on ye worke of ye sabbath hitherto, they shalle be allowed after 40s a yeare.

There being some Consideration about ye Ten acres of land in Chikkopy plain over ye ye River wch was graunted to Sam Terry about Three yeare agoe: it appearing by an order made in March 1653 that ye land was otherwise disposed of & yt it ought not to have bin given away; & besides ye land being otherwise forfeited: the Towne conclude yt ye grant void & doe reasume ye land to its former vse & appointment according to ye recited order.

And yt Sam Terry may have noe wrong by any Rates wch he may have pd for ye ſd land, it is ordered & agreed yt what Rates he hath pd that hath bin raised on ye ſd Land, the Townsmen shall take notice thereoff, & pay ye same back againe to Sam Terry.

1658

1659 Samuell marshfield desired of the Townsmen Liberty to purchase a peece of land of the Indians on the east syde the great river to the valley off 3 or 4 acres adjoyning to Mr Pynchon his dick at the south end of his orchard and runeth west along by his meddow Lott and out bounded by end of the lotts that runeth from the great river: which said desire of his was granted to the said Townsmen ye purchase thereof allowed off

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may the 10 (1659) Agreement made between Tho: Stebbing and the townsmen about the setting up off the town pound the said Thomas doth condition with the said townsmen that the pound shall be set the one halfe of ~~illegible~~ the breadth of it upon his land that is to say where they shall see most conveniant and so to stand during the towns pleasure provided that during the time of its standing there the said Thomas is to hand the spare land that shall be left betwixt the corner of the pound north to his howse and his owne land at his owne disposall for his proper use: provided allso that the townsmen from yeare to yeare shall secure the said Thomas from any damage that may acrue unto his land by reason of the insufficiency of the said pound provided allso that the pound doe not exceed tow rod and halfe in length toward the: Stebbins

Decemb 24 (59) Grants off Land by Tho: Cooper Robt: Ashby Thom: Cooley will: warriner Jonah Hurst selectt men for that year

Granted to John clarke a parcell off meddow on the other syde off the mill river opposite to a parcell off meddow formerly granted him by the town provided that the said parcell amount not elbow the quantity of one acar

Granted to Robt wright 3 acars off meddow lying south of pacawsuck towards or upon a branch of longe meddow brooke provided her settle in town 5 years

Granted to Laurance Bliss 3 acars off meddow lyinge
south of pacousuck to ward the end of the branches off
longe meddow Brook beginninge where Abell wright
dok end and in case there is not 3 acars to be had
then to be made up where it can conveniently
be found: In reference to this there was granted to L: Bliss
3 acres of swampe over Agawam River together with which
there was 2 acres more added being 5 acres all in one peice:
Decemb: the 8th this granted see further March 12th 1691. Lib: C
23 (59) John wood being called before the selectmen and
questioned for the breach of a town order in giving
entertainment to Isaiah Hall the space off two monts
without liberty granted him: for which according to order
we find him to transgress the order to the value of 40

At a town meeting January 19 (1659)
It was unanimously agreed upon by the town that
the sodane meetinge which had heretofore been
used kept only 1st tuesday in December for the
chusinge of towne men and other officers for town
affairs should henceforward be kept on the
1st tuesday in February yearly

At the same meetinge in January 19 (59)
it was concluded that the killinge of foxes
should henceforward be att 12d a peece

Also at the same meetinge in January 19 (59)
it was agreed upon that the townsmen then in
present being should make a rate off Two or four
86 and thirty pounds for the defraying such debtes
as was due from the towne to severall persons
and that the peoples of the towne should pay for
the makinge of the rates the usual allowance

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January 27 (1659) there is granted by the selectmen a parcell off land lying on the other side agawam river to the quantity of 5. or 6. acres more or less ~~[illegible]~~ it will (or the same hereafter shall) ~~[illegible]~~ provided it be no detrimentall to the landings for the ferry or to a sufficient high way that shall be thought convenientall to be cast out there: now say this is granted to mr Pynchon on the south syde agawam river all the rivery of the river and by the great river syde:

January 27. (1659) there is also granted to mr Pynchon that the wood lott which he bought of william Branch lying next to mr Pynchons greene wood lot on the other syde of the river, mistake, should have so much added to the same breadth bid of 14. rod wide as should parrell the equall length of his owne wood lott: viz) at ye Reare to run even with mr Pynchons greene woodlot, wch 14. rod broad being added to mr Pynchons 54 rod broad make ye whole breadth 68. rod: in all his woodlot is 40. 68 rod broad.

January ye 27 (1659) there is granted Thomas Cooper a parcell of swampy land lying by agawam river side at the south end of the meadow lots at the hither wigwams with all that swampy with what land there is as yet undisposed of as also liberty to put thas any land of the Indians adjoining unto it bounded by agawam river on the south and the meadow lots on the north

January 27 (1659) there was granted by the selectmen unto Richard Fellows 20 acres of land viz: an addition of 20 rods to the Stewards lott which land lyeth at the hyer end of the town commonly called chickenes plain on the other side of the great river being 30 rod in breadth as it was granted to John Steward now to Richard Fellows twenty 20 rod more adjoyning which makes 50 rod in breadth. and also an inlargement to the lott taken Richard Fellows bought of Hugh Dudley to make it also 50 rod broad answerable to the lott which was granted to John Steward and the increase hereunto belonging hath two lotts on the river 32 rod and one 50 rod broad answerable to the other land abound Specified for that the whole land of Richard Fellows here what of purchase from John Steward and Hugh Dudley being the addition of the growth of the whole now make the whole of land 50 rod broad and 115 rod in length

The Towne according to theire order met togithir, on Tuesday ye 1st of Novemb^r 1659.

being ye day formerly appointed for the yearly choise of all Towne officers. But proceeded to a new choise, judgeing it best in sundry respects, that at present all officers should continue in theire places till ye 1st Tuesday in ffeb^r next the Towne resolving & mutually agreeing then to proceed to a new choise & so yearly hereafter to meete on ye first Tuesday in ffebruary to make choise of Towne officers & order ye generall affaires of ye Towne, hereby repealing ye former order with appointing ye day to be on ye 1st Tuesday in Novemb^r

And determining that ye first Tuesday in ffeb^r yearly shall be ye Generall Towne meeting day. This was concluded at ye meeting on Novemb^r And also at a Towne meeting on Jany 19. 1659 it was unanimously agreed that ye Generall Towne meeting day for ye choosing officers shall be on ye first Tuesday in ffeb^r

At the Generall Towne meeting, on ye first Tuesday in ffebruary, being the 7th day of ffebr: 1659. And ye day appointed for election of Towne officers, & ordering Towne affaires:

There was a choise made of five Select Townesmen for ordering all ye Prudentiall affaires of ye Towne for this yeare enseuing: (viz)

Tho: Gilbert Miles Morgan &
Benja: Parsons: John Pynchon:
John Dumbleton

Selectmen are to take care what they may for ye welfare of ye Towne: & according to theire wisdome to order the heardinge of cattle, making of Rules, To prooue of single persons & inmates as they shall se cause in ye Towne, To settle ye Comonn highways of ye Towne, & determine any difference about ye. To ~~distribute & grant out of land of ye Towne not yet already granted, provided they doe not~~ dispose of any of ye appropriated land, vnless that it to let it out wch they may doe for twenty one yeares or less tyme, as they shall se cause, & judge most advantagious to ye Towne: And also any of the estate of ye Towne wch lyes dead, (if any doe so) they may let it out for a yeare or yeares if they shall judge it best for ye good of ye Towne. And what ever they judge conducing to ye welfare of ye Towne they are to act therein & order ye same according to theire best wisdome: And in theire making of orders they are to heed ye Generall good of ye Towne, & such orders made by ym as they apprehend for ye Generall good, they may anex penalties therunto according to law, wch penalties they are carefully to exact & Recover of such inhabitants, as shall neglect or refuse to observe them:

It is ordered that hence forward yearly at ye Generall Towne meeting in ffebr there shall be a Moderator chosen, who shall stand as Moderator not only that day, But for all Towne meetings ye yeare enseuing: And ye Moderator shall always be chosen by Papers, & first at ye beginning of ye meeting before any other Towne officers whose worke shalle be to order tymes of speech & silence to put things to vote, & to regulate all proceedings in Towne meetings that disorders as much as may be may be prevented. And in case of his absence at any tyme for any Towne meeting the Select men to agree who among themselves shall supply his place at such meeting as he shall be absent for: And at ye first, Mr John Pynchon is chosen Moderator for ye yeare enseuing.

It is ordered that hence forward the Select Townesmen shall yearly be chosen by Papers:

It is also ordered that yearly hence forth there shall be one meete man chosen at ye Generall meeting in ffebr to ye place of Clarke or Recorder for ye Towne, whose worke shall be faithf

178 faithfully & truly to Record & Enter Towne orders, Graunts of Lands, & all agreemts & acts of the Towne, or Select Townesmen who also shall ob-
To be serve to keeye & enter in a booke for that purpose
Transcribed a true acot of all dues arising to ye Towne by Penaltys anexed to ye breaches of Towne orders or otherwise, And also keeye a true acot of all the Rates & debts of ye Towne that fro him ye Towne or Select men may know how to act in making Rates ~~for the~~ ~~Penaltys of~~ ~~ye~~ due to ye Towne by ~~ye Select men fro any delinquent~~ ye Recorder ~~or in one~~ ~~meeke after~~ shall, dlr to ye ~~Towne~~ ~~Treasurer~~ a True Transcript thereoff out of his booke to so all dues & Penaltys payable to ye Towne may be seasonably looked after: ~~And the office of Clerke or Recorder if it~~ ~~happe shall become of ye Select men~~. And he shall ~~not~~ be ~~thus~~ Chosen ~~by the Office for shall Examinate & [illegible] the [illegible] Recorder [illegible] such [illegible] out to vote~~ ~~the most voter~~ shall be
Continued ye Recorder ~~to ye Towne shall be right to ely~~

It is also ordered that there shall Annually be some one meete pson chosen to ye place of a Towne Treasurer who shall carefully receive & gather in all dues belonging to ye Towne, either by penaltys for breaches of Towne orders or otherwise, & keeye a True acot
Reyected. thereoff: And what Stock he shall have in his hand of ye Townes, he shall not pay it out to any pson, but to such to whome he knowes ye Towne are really indebted too, & in any doubtfull case to suspend payment on Penalty of satisfying ye Towne out of his owne estate, what he shall so pay out; if ye Towne or Select men shall not allow of such his payment, all his ~~payments~~ disposing of ye Towne Stock & payments out, to be by order fro ye Select men or Towne, unless some express order doe allow ~~him~~ & warrant his disbursing it.

And for this yeare enseuing: Mr John Paynchon is chosen Towne Treasurer.

Mr John