

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 2ND, 1935.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Conger, Orcutt, Sherburne and Taft.

Mayor Lewton stated that the meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter to hear challenges, and appeals from challenges, on Registrations of April 30th and May 1st, 1935.

There were no challenges, and consequently no appeals.

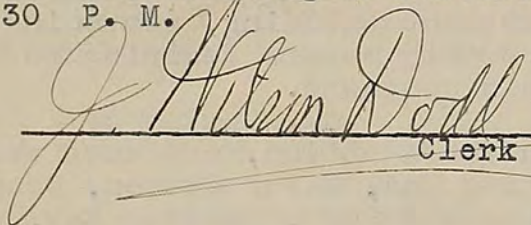
Mr. Sherburne moved that the Town Clerk be authorized and instructed to remove the names of deceased persons from the registration books, and also those who are disqualified due to the fact that they have ceased to become residents of the Town. Mr. Conger seconded the motion.

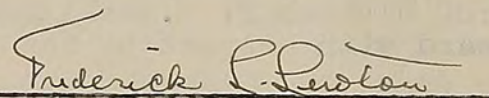
Mr. Orcutt offered the following amendment to the motion:-

"To strike off those persons as to whom satisfactory evidence is in the hands of the Town Clerk that they are deceased, and also those persons for whom satisfactory evidence has been furnished that they have been disqualified by removal from the Town, or otherwise.

Amendment accepted, and motion as amended approved.

There being no further business Council adjourned at 8:30 P. M.


Clerk


Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 7TH, 1935.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen ^{Adams} Conger, Orcutt and Sherburne.

Meeting called for the purpose of receiving the report of the judges of election covering the annual election held on May 6th, to elect three Councilmen. The report of the Judges was as follows:--

Takoma Park, Md. May 6th, 1935.

Mayor and Council,
Takoma Park, Md.

Gentlemen:-- The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as Judges of Election, have the honor to submit the following report with respect to the annual Town Election held this date in the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Building.

The Board organized with the selection of Fred C. Duehring as Chairman, after having taken the prescribed oath of office before the Mayor. The poles were opened at the legal hour of 6 o'clock A. M. and were closed at the legal hour of 7 o'clock P.M.

The following names were voted on as Councilmen for term of two years and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:--

John R. Adams -1075, A. L. Conger-1080, Wm. C. Fowler-538, M. G. Phoebus-536, Arthur L. Reynolds-497, Millward C. Taft-1056.

The total number of votes cast was 1711.

It appears from the ballots cast that the following named candidates received the highest number of votes cast, and were duly elected as Councilmen to serve for a period of two years from June 3rd, 1935:--

John R. Adams - A. L. Conger - Millward C. Taft.

Certificates of election in accordance with the results as above stated are herewith attached for delivery to the Councilmen elect.

Very respectfully,

Fred C. Duehring, Chairman,
Rose S. Rutledge
N. C. Nelson.
Judges of Election.

Attest:-
John W. Coffman, Jr.,
Clerk.

Mr. Sherburne moved that the election results be received

as submitted, and that the election of the following Councilmen be approved and declared elected:-

John R. Adams, A. L. Conger and Millward C. Taft.

Motion seconded by Mr. Orcutt and approved.

There being no further business Council adjourned on motion at 8: 30 P.M.

J. Helen Dodd
Clerk

Frederick L. Lewton
Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MAY 20th, 1935.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Those present were Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Due to illness Councilman Orcutt was not present.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15th, and Special Meetings of April 29th and May 7th, were read and approved.

Financial statement for the month of April was presented by the Treasurer and approved as follows:--

RECEIPTS:-

General Taxes----	\$1,171.09
Interest and Penalties	127.84
Charges	205.50
Special Assessments	121.30
Building Permits	7.00
Electrical Permits	7.00
Excavation Permit	1.00
Dog Tax	54.75
Fines	57.00
Total	<u>\$1,752.48</u>

BANK STATEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Mar. 31st, - On hand Citizens Bank	\$ 4,284.36	
Deposits in April	<u>628.16</u>	
Apr. 30th, - On hand		\$ 4,912.52
Mar. 31st, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	11,882.91	
Deposits in April	1,124.32	
	<u>13,007.23</u>	
Withdrawn in April	<u>3,592.98</u>	
Apr. 30th, - On hand		<u>9,414.25</u>
Apr. 30th, - On hand both banks		<u>\$14,326.77</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Mar. 31st, - On hand Takoma Park Bank	1,929.11	
No Deposits in April		
Apr. 30th, - On hand		1,929.11
Mar. 31st, - On hand Citizens Bank	12,113.15	
No deposits in April		
Apr. 30th, - On hand		<u>11,113.15</u>
Apr. 30th, - On hand both banks		<u>\$13,042.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:-STREETS:-

Labor	779.90	
Material	83.09	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Supplies	<u>128.62</u>	\$ 991.61

SERVICE:-

Trash-Labor	98.25	
Garbage-Labor	170.00	
" Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep-Sup.	83.70	
Street Lights	<u>488.39</u>	840.34

POLICE:-

Salaries	465.00	
Clothing Allowance	40.00	
Telephones	20.84	
Office Supplies	5.78	
Gas-Oil-Auto Upkeep	55.04	
Lights	<u>6.81</u>	583.47

OFFICE:-

Salaries	450.00	
Postage-Pbg. Sup.-Telephones	79.74	
Advt.-Sidewalks Hearing	<u>10.90</u>	540.64

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

Labor	31.20	
Seed-Fertilizer	43.86	
New Playground Construction	<u>75.32</u>	150.38

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Recording Fees	3.75	
Tax Sale Advt. & Court Costs	199.98	
Dog Impiunding Exp.	15.81	
Cedar Ave. Paving Exp.	6.90	
Advt. Reg. & Election	20.10	
Salary Justice Peace	50.00	
Retirement-E.E. Blodgett	25.00	
Comp. Corp. Counsel-Mar. Apr.	100.00	
Rental	<u>55.00</u>	<u>476.54</u>

Total

\$3,592.98

Bills in amount of \$2593.85 were presented by the Finance Committee for approval and payment of same was ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS:-

Letter from Iva M. White, Sec'y. of Takoma Park Womens Club, commending the Mayor and Council for their interest in the campaign against the spread of contagious diseases, and recommending that the houses in Takoma Park, where there are contagious diseases, be placarded. Referred to Health Comm.

Letter from D. J. Fitzpatrick, in regard to filling up of branch adjacent to his property on Park Avenue extended. Referred to Street Committee.

Letter from State Roads Commission, in reply to letter of April 19th, regarding paving of Takoma and Cedar Avenues from Federal funds, and also copy of a letter from State Roads Comm. addressed to Mr. D. J. Fitzpatrick. State Roads Commission advised that both Cedar and Takoma Avenues paralleled Chestnut Ave., but that their value as main arterial highways were not considered as important, and that the Commission was not at this time in a position to undertake their improvement.

Letter from H. G. Smithy Company in regard to drainage on property at 28 Poplar Avenue was referred to Street Comm.

Letter from Harry E. Twing in regard to 12 of his chickens being killed by fogs, and placing a value of \$1.50 each in same, was referred to Finance Committee.

Petition from property owners on Lee Avenue protesting the dumping of trash on the South side of Lee Ave. Referred to Health Comm.

Petition from six property owners on Lee Avenue requesting that sidewalks be laid on the North side of Lee Ave. Referred to Street Committee.

Letter from Ralph O. Ellis, asking for redemption cost on lots 28 to 33 inc. in Block 16, Gilberts Sub-Division, sold to the Town of Takoma Park at Tax Sale in 1929 from A. Newman. Referred to Clerk for answer.

Petition of 40 residents of Eastern Avenue, asking that oil be placed on this street to keep the dust down. Referred to Street Committee.

Letter from H. C. Neilsen in regard to extension of sewer by the Town over his property on Cedar Ave. referred to Street Committee.

Letter from Edward Saari, in regard to unhealthy condition caused by bog on Park property on Elm Ave. Referred to Health Committee.

Letter from H. H. Spencer in regard to drainage on old Carroll Ave. Referred to Street Committee.

Letter was read from Bessie T. Chandler, Chairman of the Public Health Lay Committee of Takoma Park, expressing appreciation for the excellent service rendered by the Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Catherine Johnson, and urging the Mayor and Council to write the County Commissioners asking that an appropriation of made in the forthcoming County budget to take care of a full time Public Health Nurse for the Takoma Park territory. Referred to Health Committee.

Mayor Lewton stated at this time that the evening had been set aside for hearing on new assessments recently made by the Board of Assessors.

Letter was read from Mr. C. H. Kelley of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, complaining of additional assessment of \$200.00 be placed on his property, and stating that these repairs were merely maintenance.

Letter was also read from B. N. Brouner, 47 Denwood Ave. complaining of the additional assessment on his property due to additions to same. These letters were referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. L. W. Biddle addressed the Council complaining of the assessment of \$3000. placed on new dwelling being constructed on Lot 15, Block 80-A, and stated that he thought this assessment was not in line with other properties in that neighborhood.

Councilman Taft also called attention to the assessment on dwelling being constructed by Mr. Geo. W. Davis on Davis Avenue, and stated that this property would not be completed by July 1st next, as Mr. Davis was doing most of the work himself. Mr. Taft stated that Mr. Davis was unable to attend the Council meeting and asked him to call it to the attention of the Council.

Mayor Lewton stated that these complaints would be brought to the attention of the Finance Committee for consideration.

Mayor Lewton stated that a hearing had been advertised for this date for the grading of Boston Avenue from Chicago to Takoma Avenue, and from Takoma Avenue to Philadelphia Avenue. Also for the grading of that portion of Holly Avenue from Philadelphia Avenue to the present paving on Holly Avenue.

On the Holly Avenue grading Mr. Vierick addressed the Council in favor of this grading. Mr. Waterholder also addressed the Council, and did not voice any protest. Mr. B. Y. Morrison also addressed the Council and stated that he would like to see a profile of the street, and was advised that same could be seen at the Town Office.

On Boston Avenue, from Chicago to Takoma Avenue, Mr. A. R. McCallum, Jr., addressed the Council in behalf of his father, who was unable to attend the meeting, and stated that while they were not opposed to the grading, they were not willing to pay more than \$100.00 for their portion of same. Mr. B. F. Stimmel stated to the Council that he was in favor of the grading.

On Boston Avenue, from Philadelphia Avenue to Takoma Ave., Mr. L. H. Howard stated that he was opposed to the grading of this portion of Boston Avenue if the street was not surfaced in some way. Mr. S. M. Kyle spoke in favor of this grading. Mr. Louis Alberti stated that he was opposed to the grading if his portion was to cost over \$50.00, as he was not financially able to pay same..

Mr. Dan Faber inquired as to the drainage in connection with this grading, and was advised that this matter had not been fully worked out.

Mr. Alberti addressed the Council in regard to the holes

in Takoma Avenue and asked that same be repaired.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan addressed the Council, and congratulated the newly elected Councilmen, and also spoke in regard to the beautification of the triangular park at the Piney Branch Road underpass. Dr. Jordan also spoke in regard to the Montgomery County Social Service League, and asked that the Council make a donation to same for the Town.

Mr. Ralph Harries advised the Mayor and Council that on May 27th, the mothers of the boys on the baseball team were giving a card party in the Fire Hall, and asked the support of the Mayor and Council and the citizens in making this venture a success, in order that additional equipment may be purchased for this season.

Mr. Wm. Fowler offered his congratulations to the newly elected Councilmen, and also asked that some repairs be made to Lincoln Ave., and also called attention to the condition of Street Sign posts and asked that same be repainted.

Mr. Dan Faber spoke in regard to holes in Takoma Avenue, and inquired as to whether the letter from the State Roads Commission in regard to the improvement of this street would be considered final, and was advised that such was not the case. Mr. Faber stated that he would be glad to go to Baltimore and interview the State Roads Commission in behalf of this project, and was advised by the Mayor that he was privileged to do this as an individual, but not as a representative of the Town Council.

Dr. Jordan spoke in regard to Takoma Ave. and stated that he thought it timely for the Council to move to get its shape of appropriation for this work.

FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:- Mr. Conger, Chairman, read a report from Fire Chief Moffett, and also stated that he had received a financial statement from the Fire Department, and both were ordered filed.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:- Mr. Adams, in the absence of Mr. Orcutt, made a brief report, and stated that a wall had been built around the curve at the new playground, adjacent to the school house, which would permit of the bank being extended further, giving more ground space. Mr. Adams stated that a flag pole had been secured for the new playground, and same would be erected at a suitable place on the playground. He stated that it had been the hope of his Committee to have some suitable exercise for dedication of the playground on Memorial Day, but that this was not possible, and thought some thought should be given to dedication of same on July 4th in connection with any other celebration which was planned for that time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- Mr. Adams, Chairman, moved that the Town Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to employ ~~sufficient~~ clerical help during the coming month, at which time he will be busy with outside work, to assist in getting out tax bills, said help to consist of one individual for a period of not to exceed four weeks. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

Matter of donation to the Montgomery County Social Service League was discussed at length, and motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Town appropriate \$25.00 to the League. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

POLICE COMMITTEE:-- Mr. Sherburne, Chairman, made the following report:-- Since the last regular meeting of Council the term of Justice A. L. Wilson has expired, and the new Justice, Mr. Herman Heffner, has been installed into office, and has arranged to hold court for traffic violations at the Police Station. At our request he has agreed to hold court in the evening at least once a week for the accommodation of the people who work in town and who would be inconvenienced by appearing during the day time.

The Derrick Motor Co. has quoted us a price of \$616.00 for a 1935 Tudor Ford car, with light \$631.86, less turn in allowance for old car of \$250.00, leaving a balance of \$381.86 for a new car. Your Committee recommends the purchase of this car as an economy measure as the old car is pretty well gone and will be soon needing major repairs, new tires, etc.

Mr. H. C. Heffner has agreed to provide a suitable room in his house for the hearing of as many cases as necessary aside from the traffic cases held at the Police station, provided that the Council is favorable to such proposition. I personally visited the place in question and feel that the room he suggests would be very suitable and suggest that the Council go on record as approving his suggestion so that there will be no delay in preparing this room for occupancy.

Committee also presented a consolidated report of the activities of the Police during the month of April, and also a revised schedule of working hours, and a list of the burned out street lights discovered by the police during the period from Jan. 1st, 1935 through April.

Mr. Sherburne advised that he had received a communication from Mr. J. H. Bilbrey, President of the Fire Department, regarding a course in First Aid to be inaugurated by Mr. E. A. Collier and extended an invitation to the police force to take part in these instructions. Mr. Sherburne advised that he had replied to Mr. Bilbrey's letter and informed him that while several members of the police force have had these course in the Army, the letter would be posted on the bulletin board and all members urged to attend as many classes as their work will permit.

Mr. Sherburne also presented a plan of changes recommended for the Police Station by the Committee, stating that same would give the police more convenient working quarters. Mr. Sherburne stated that the approximate cost of this change would be \$25.00.

Mr. Sherburne moved the purchase of a new police car at a net cost of \$381.00, and motion was seconded by Mr. Conger.

Mr. Adams voiced the opinion that he thought bids should be gotten from at least one other source, and same referred to the finance Committee. Mr. Sherburne advised that he had made inquiries about another make of car, and from the information obtained the Ford was the best adapted for police work.

Mr. Sherburne's motion for the purchase of a new police car was then put to a vote and same was approved.

Mr. Remsen moved that the plan presented by the Police Committee for change in the Police Station be approved and the work ordered done. Motion seconded by Mr. Conger and approved.

STREET COMMITTEE:- Mr. Remsen reported the usual ash and trash collection as being carried out, and the clean-up week as advertised carried out.

Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:-

ORDINANCE NO. 539

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOME PARK, MARYLAND.

Section 1. That the Street Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct cement concrete sidewalks on the West side of Philadelphia Avenue, from Takoma Avenue to Chestnut Avenue, as advertised, and that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to proceed at once with the work with the Town forces, and to employ additional help if necessary in said construction.

Section 2. That assurance is made that the sidewalk be laid to proper grade, and that the cost of the work be held to a sum not to exceed One Thousand Dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement.

Mr. Conger seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a yea and nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of a second Ordinance, as follows:-

ORDINANCE NO. 540

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOME PARK, MARYLAND.

Section 1. That the Street Committee be authorized to proceed immediately, in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter, to construct cement concrete sidewalks on the East side of Philadelphia Avenue, from Takoma Avenue, South, for approximately 450 ft., as advertised, and that the Supt. of Public Works be instructed to proceed at once with the work with the Town forces, and to employ additional help if necessary in said construction.

Section 2. That assurance is made that the sidewalk be laid to proper grade, and that the cost of this work be held to a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Section 3. That the cost of the construction of this sidewalk be assessed in the regular manner against the property owners abutting the improvement.

Mr. Conger seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted on a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay none.

The above two Ordinances having been adopted, the Street Committee instructed the Supt. of Public Works proceed immediately with the construction of these sidewalks.

Mr. Remsen also presented the following Ordinance and moved its adoption:-

ORDINANCE NO. 541

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND.

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 965 of the Town Charter, the Mayor and Council have under consideration the construction of cement concrete pavement and curb, at an estimated cost of \$12.00 per linear ft., on Beech Avenue, in the Town of Takoma Park, abutting lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 23, and Lots 24 and 43, in Block 22, Gilberts Sub-Division, the cost of said improvement to be assessed against the abutting property owner according to the established custom, namely:- One-third against the property owner on each side of the improvement, and the remaining one-third to be paid from the revenues of the Town.

Section 2. The Mayor and Council at their regular meeting on June 17th, 1935, in the Fire Department Building, at Carroll and Denwood Avenues, convening at 8 o'clock P.M., will hear all persons desiring to be heard with respect to the construction herein proposed.

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Mr. Sherburne seconded the adoption of this Ordinance, and same was adopted by a Yea and Nay vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

This Ordinance having been adopted, the Street Committee instructed the Clerk to proceed with the proper steps to advertise this hearing, and any other steps which may be necessary.

Continuing with the report, Mr. Remsen advised that the contract for the paving of Cedar Avenue had been awarded to H. H. Hershberger of Baltimore, Md., and that it was planned to start work on same on Wednesday, May 22nd, 1935. The establishing of lines and grades will be done by Mr. Jackson, using data already recorded and approved by Council.

In regard to Boston Avenue, and Holly Avenue grading, the Street Committee wishes to return the correspondence of Mr. A. R. McCallum, Sr. and Robt. E. Lohr, in regard to the grading of Boston Avenue. At this time the Street Committee wishes to introduce the following Ordinance:--

ORDINANCE NO. 542

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND.

Section 1. Whereas it is the desire of certain property owners to have dedicated streets known as Boston Avenue, from Chicago to Philadelphia Avenue, and Holly Avenue, from end of present pavement to Philadelphia Avenue, graded to established grade lines, *See 11-47, 66*

and whereas, a hearing has been held as of this date, May 20th, 1935, at which hearing the fact was disclosed that these improvements were desired by a majority of the property owners.

Therefore, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the grading of these streets, prepare necessary blueprints of established grades, and specifications for same, and call Council to receive bids on June 17th, 1935.

Mr. Remsen moved the adoption of this Ordinance, and adoption was seconded by Mr. Sherburne, and approved on a Yea and Nay Vote. Voting Yea, Mayor Lewton, Councilmen Adams, Conger, Remsen, Sherburne and Taft. Voting Nay, none.

The Valley View culvert, for the carrying off of street water at the lower end of Maple Avenue has not been completed, and the new construction is apparently functioning in a satisfactory manner. A complaint was registered against the construction of catch basin top at the elevations where they are now in place. Attention is called to the fact that until any additional grading for either curb, gutter or pavement is done, it was found necessary to establish these in a manner to conform

to present sidewalk and gutter in order to receive water, without deep depression. These slabs are removable and when final improvement is made these will then be set to conform to final grade. The objection to a high side of Valley View Avenue at this point can be answered by calling attention to the fact that Maple Avenue intersection with this street must present a warped surface with South curb much higher than the North.

The petition of residents on Eastern Avenue and Second Street for relief from dust by the application of oil will be attended to as soon as possible.

The letter of Mr. Nielsen referring to the drainage through his property can be answered by referring to the correspondence and records dealing with the construction of culverts on Cedar Avenue and through between the two lots developed over the old stream bed by Mr. Papot. Council assumes no responsibility at this time for any damage, and refers to the signed agreement between Mr. Papot and the Town.

Mr. Spencer's request will be attended to, as this condition is a result of State Road work of several years ago. The Supt. of Public Works repaired temporarily damage done after completion of this bridge. It needs a permanent improvement.

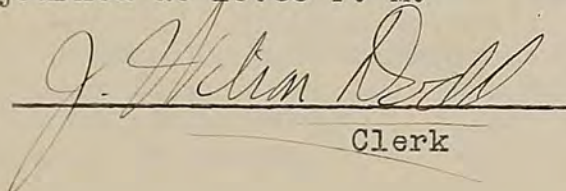
The request of Mr. Nelsen on Lee Avenue will be given consideration as soon as possible.

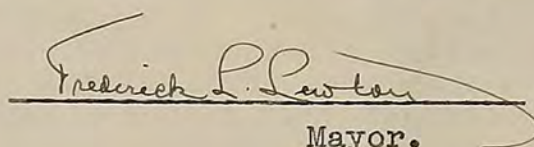
The petition of six residents of Lee Avenue, petitioning for sidewalks, receives favorable consideration of the Street Committee. The Committee wishes to instruct the Town Clerk to determine the approximate cost from listing of properties, and refer the matter to the Finance Committee for approval of any funds that might be found available. If the cost of this can be approved, the Committee asks for authority to proceed with the work immediately.

On motion properly seconded the report of the Street Committee was approved and ordered filed.

Regarding the letter from the Public Health Lay Committee of Takoma Park, referred to the Health Committee, Mr. Adams moved that the proper County Authorities be written, expressing interest in this matter, and stressing the importance of having one horse assigned to the Town of Takoma Park. Motion seconded by Mr. Sherburne and approved.

There being no further business Council, on motion, adjourned at 10:35 P. M.


Clerk


Mayor.