

Meetings and Warrant for the First Parish Meeting on March 31, 1836

The first 2 pages of the book labelled Records of the First Parish in Sudbury 1836-1956 contains the record of a meeting to call for a warrant, the warrant itself and the record of the meeting itself. Here are the transcriptions and images of the text in reverse chronological order.

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First Parish Meeting on March 31, 1836 from 1836-1956 Records of the First Parish in Sudbury

The first meeting of First Parish as a separate entity from the Town was held on March 31, 1836.

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1. Voted to accept of the warning of this meeting. Then chose Nahum Thompson clerk who was qualified by C. G. Cutler Esq. Then chose Christopher G. Cutler Esq. Moderator. Then voted to choose two assessors and chose Christopher G. Cutler Esq. & Asher Goodnow Esq. Then chose Asher Goodnow Esq. Treasurer. Then voted that the Treasurer be collector for the year ensuing. Then voted that each member of the parish shall pay in his tax for the present year to the Treasurer on or before the first day of February next. Then voted that the assessors act as a prudential committee for the year ensuing.

2. Voted four hundred Dollars in addition to the interest arising from the Ministerial Fund to pay Mr. Hurlbut his Salary for the present year. Then voted twenty Dollars for Contingent expenses.

3. Voted that all future meetings shall be warned by the assessors granting a warrant to the Clerk who shall post an attested copy thereof at the Meetinghouse two Sabbaths at least before the time of holding any future meeting Then voted that the Clerk purchase a Book for Records and bring in his Bill to the Parish. Then voted that this meeting be dissolved Christopher G. Cutler, Moderator.

Attest. Nahum Thompson Clerk.

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Christopher G. Cutter
Moderator.

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Warrant dated March 14, 1836
from 1836-1956 Records of the First Parish in Sudbury

The warrant was issued on March 14, 1836 as follows:

Middlesex Co. To Luther Hunt one of the members of the first Parish in the town of Sudbury and an applicant for this warrant.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the members of the First Parish in the town of Sudbury qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Meetinghouse of said parish on Thursday the thirty first day of March inst. at one of the clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles (vih.)

- 1. To choose all necessary Parish officers.*
- 2. To vote such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the support of preaching and other purposes.*
- 3. To prescribe the mode of warning future meetings of said Parish and transact all other business which may legally come before them.*

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the aforesaid Meeting-house in said Sudbury fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof said not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the subscriber at the time und place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

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Meeting on February 2, 1836 to Request for a Warrant
from 1836-1956 Records of the First Parish in Sudbury

To Christopher G. Cutler Esq. of Sudbury in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts.

We the subscriber members of the first Parish in said Sudbury respectfully show that it is expedient as soon as circumstances will admit to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said Parish and transact all business in future as the law has provided in such cases,

We therefore request you to grant a warrant requesting the members of said Parish to assemble at the public Meetinghouse in said Sudbury on Monday, the 21st day of March next at one o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz

To choose all necessary Parish Officers and to transact any other business that Parishes by law are authorized to transact.

Sudbury Feb. 5 1836.

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Taken from photo of the book inscribed
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