

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1854

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At a Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 3rd day of January 1854

Present, John L Marye Jr, Mayor

John Minor, Recorder

William Allen, Eustace Conway, C B White, John J Young, William S Barton, John W Collins—Common Councilmen

The Chairman of the Pump Committee made a verbal report in regard to the claims preferred by Mess'rs Gabriel Johnston and William S Chesley, for monies expended by them in boring for water at the corner of Caroline & Charlotte Streets; Whereupon on motion the said report was adopted and the Chamberlain direct to pay the sum of one hundred dollars & forty five center in said account to Gabriel Johnston and the sum of \$13 to William S Chesley

Ordered that the Fredericksburg Guards be hereafter permitted to use the room in the South Wing of the Court house now used for the Mayors office as a drill room and armory. And they are hereby authorized to use the said room and to make [Page 115] such alterations in the present arrangement as they may deem best so as not to interfere with the use of the room for the Mayor's Office.

Present, Jas McGuire, Wm A Little

An ordinance entitled "an ordinance to prevent obstructions on the footways and other portions of the Streets" was presented to the board, read, passed and ordered to be printed & is as follows, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Streets and he is hereby empowered on all cases where the occupants of lots in the town shall cause and obstruction or inconvenience to a free passage upon the footways, or other portions of the streets by the passage of water from their lots, or by any other means, to notify the lot holders to removed such obstructions and upon default of the said lot holders to do so within a reasonable time, the said officer is required to have said obstruction removed at the costs and charges of said lot holders to be recovered by warrant with costs, before any Justice of the Peace of the Corporation.

This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage

Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor

J J Chew, C p t

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 5th day of January 1854

Present, John Minor, Recorder

Wm S Barton, James McGuire, John J Young, John W Collins, C B White, L J Huffman, Wm A Little, A K Phillips, Thomas F Knox—Common Councilmen.

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of consulting as to what steps the Corporation should take as a stockholder in the Meeting of the Stockholders of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company now sitting; Whereupon it was unanimously resolved that this Council attend the said Meeting as a body, and having done so and returned to their chamber the following motion was made by Mr C B White, Viz;

Resolved that the stockholders have confidence in the President & Directors of the Company and are content to leave the management of the affairs of the Road to them; to which motion Mr Wm S Barton moved the following as a substitute, viz; Resolved that the vote of the Corporation of Fredericksburg be given in the affirmative on the following resolution, that the President and Board of Directors of the Fredericksburg &

Gordonsville Rail Road Company be requested to advertise [Page 116] for proposals for contracts for the construction of the Road, and the vote having been taken by Ayes and Noes, the said substitute was rejected by the following vote;

Ayes, John Minor, Wm A Little, L J Huffman, Wm S Barton 4

Noes, C B White, John J Young, Jas McGuire, Thomas F Knox, John W Collins, Alex K Phillips 6

And the vote recurring on the original resolution offered by Mr C B White, it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes, C B White, John J Young, Jas McGuire, Thomas F Knox, John W Collins, Alex K Phillips 6

Noes, John Minor, Wm A Little, L J Huffman, Wm S Barton 4

On motion the Council then adjourned

J Minor, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 14th day of January 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

John Minor, Recorder

A K Phillips, E Conway, John W Collins, Wm S Barton, Wm A Little, C B White, Wm Allen, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose among other things of considering the subject of improvement of the navigation of the Rappahannock river; and whereupon on motion made and seconded it is ordered that a Committee to consist of Dr B R Wellford, Mr A K Phillips, be appointed whose duty it shall be to attend to this subject and to report to the council from time to time.

On motion made and seconded it is ordered that a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor, whose duty it shall be to consider the erection of a powder magazine and report to the Council what arrangements can be made towards effecting that object.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs John Minor, Alex K Phillips & Wm A Little the committee under the foregoing order.

Mr C B White moved that the subject of the removal of the town Clock be laid on the table and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which motion, having been seconded and put to the vote was rejected.

Upon motion made & seconded, ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to issue the scrip of the Corporation of the denomination of 1 & \$2 to the extent of seven thousand five hundred dollars to be applied for the purpose of redeeming or substituting the same in the place of the large bonds of the Corporation

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On motion made & seconded, ordered that the Mayor have permission to use the Council Chamber as a Mayor's Office & for the purpose of holding his courts.

On motion made and seconded ordered that the \$12 of the Corp'n Scrip in a mutilated form, deposited with the Chamberlain be Mr B T Gill be reissued by the Chamberlain & delivered to said Gill

The account of Bernard Cole, certified by the Corporation Court, amounting to \$5.12½ was on motion ordered to be paid

On motion the Council then adjourned
Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor
G F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 7th day of February 1854
Present, John L Marye Jr, Mayor
John Minor, Recorder
Wm A Little, Wm S Barton, Jno W Collins, L J Huffman, Wm Allen, Jas McGuire, E Conway, J J Young and C B White—Common Councilmen

Thomas F Knox Esq having qualified as a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg vacated his office of Common Councilman. On Motion the Board proceeded to elect a member to supply the vacancy thus occasioned when Wm T Hart Esq was elected on the third Ballot.

Mr Eustace Conway tendered his resignation as a Common Councilman, which on motion received; and thereupon the Council proceeded to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Conway when after sundry balloting Mr John E Tackett was duly elected.

The following accounts were read, passed and ordered to be paid, Viz;

Wm A Little	\$26.25
R F Ranson	\$2.50
Wm Brannan	\$100.00
Wm Brannan	\$6.25

The accounts of Jno R Hart and Robert Hart were read & on motion laid on the table.

Mr Wm T Hart member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board

Mr Wm S Barton presented a report of the Committee on Streets upon the [Page 118] the subject of paving the streets of the Town together with the plan of such work which report having been read was on motion received and the said Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject and a further motion the said report was laid on the table.

The following resolution was adopted, viz;

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be & they are hereby directed to suspend further action under the order entered at the last meeting of the Council directing the issue of the scrip of the Corporation of the denomination of 1 & \$2 and the substitution of the same in the place of the large bonds of the Corporation.

The following resolution offered by Mr Wm A Little was adopted, viz;

Resolved that the Finance Committee be & they are hereby authorized to redeem the small scrip of the Corporation (when presented by the holders, desiring said redemption in sums not less than \$300) by issuing therefore the bonds of this Corporation for said amounts payable at such time as they may see fit, with interest payable semi-annually and the Mayor & Chamberlain are directed to execute & deliver said bonds as the said Committee may direct.

On motion made and seconded, it is ordered that the Chamberlain issue & remit to Jno P Wright scrip note for \$2 in place of a mutilated note of a similar amount sent in by him.

The following resolution offered by Mr Wm A Little was adopted, viz;

Resolved that a Special Committee of this Council enquire into the authority of this body to subscribe to the stock of the Fredericksburg Gas Company & also by what action it can best aid in the successful prosecution of the objects of the said Company.

Mess'rs Wm A Little, Wm S Barton, & Wm Allen were appointed the Committee under the foregoing resolution.

Wm T Hart Esq is appointed a member of the Finance Committee and also of the Street Committee in the place of Thomas F Knox.

On motion made & seconded, It is ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the School Commissioners \$750 to be appropriated towards the expenses of the Free School.

An account of John L Marye Jr amounting to \$26.25 was read, passed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Jno L Marye Jr

Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 14th day of February 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

John Minor, Recorder

Wm Allen, Wm S Barton, Jas McGuire, Landon J Huffman, Wm T Hart, J J Young, Wm A Little, C B White—
Common Councilmen

John E Tackett, Esq, member of the Council elect, appeared, was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board.

Mr Wm A Little, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to enquire into the authority of the Council to subscribe to the Stock of the Fred'g Gas Company, and also by what action it can best aid in the successful prosecution of the objects of said Company made a report in writing expressive of the opinion that the Council had authority to subscribe to the Stock of said Company &c which report having been read was received and ordered to be filed & the Committee discharged.

The following resolution was office by Mr Wm A Little, Viz;

Resolved, that the proposition to subscribe to the stock of the Fred'g Gas Company for the amount & upon the terms and conditions submitted in the Report of the Committee be submitted to the vote of the qualified voters of the Town, that the vote be taken at the Court House, on the 20th day of February 1854, and that notice of said vote be published by the circulation of printed hand bills in the Town and the vote being taken by ayes and noes, the resolution was adopted as follows, viz;

Ayes, John Minor, Wm T Hart, L J Huffman, Wm S Barton, Wm A Little, John E Tackett, Jas McGuire 7

Noes, J J Young, Wm Allen, C B White 3

On motion ordered that the Clerk do cause the seal of the Corp'n to be repaired & affixed to one of the modern presses if it can be done otherwise that he procure a new press & seal.

On motion ordered that the Resolution submitting the proposition to subscribe to the Stock of the Fred'g Gas Company be amended in this, that the amount to be subscribed, shall not be less than five thousand nor more than ten thousand, as the Council may see fit.

On motion, it is ordered that the second section of the Report of the Committee on the subject of a subscription to the Fredericksburg Gas Company be printed in connection with the Resolution [Page 120] on the subject in hand bill form.

On motion the Council then adjourned
Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor
Geo F Chew, C C

February 20th 1854

The Council met at the Court House on this day to superintend the taking of the Poll on the question whether the Common Council should subscribe on behalf of the Town a sum not less than five thousand nor more than ten thousand to the Capital Stock of the Fredericksburg Gas Company.

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

John Minor, Recorder

Wm T Hart, Wm Allen, John J Young, John W Collins, Wm A Little, John E Tackett, Jas McGuire, C B White—Common Councilmen

The poll having been taken and the vote counted it appeared that the whole number of votes polled amounted to 166, of which 51 votes were given in favor of such subscription and 115 votes were given against such subscription being made.

An a/c of P Hunt for distributing hand bills, amounting to 75¢ was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion ordered that the Clerk be allowed the usual fee of \$5 for keeping the poll this day taken.

An a/c of John L Marye Jr, amounting to \$17.25 cents was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adjourned
Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor
Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 7th of March 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

John Minor, Recorder

Wm Allen, Wm A Little, Wm S Barton, Jas McGuire, Jno E Tackett, John J Young, Wm T Hart, Alex K Phillips, C B White, John W Collins—Common Councilmen

The following accounts were read, passed and ordered to be paid, viz;

Samuel D Daniel \$39.87

H S Doggett \$27.61

Jesse White \$1.40

John R Hart \$6.74

Robert Hart \$1.20

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On motion the following accounts presented to the board for payment were referred to the Finance Committee with directions to examine & report thereon

The Fred'g Guards	\$12.00
Wm H White	\$13.58
Sam'l G Daniel	\$52.30
Waite & Sener	\$15.59
Ste J Blaydes	\$5.57
R W Hart	\$7.50
B Cole	\$39.81
Ro B Marye	\$56.00

Mr Wm Allen, Chairman of the Committee on the Fire Department made a report which having been read was on motion received.

The said Committee also reported an ordinance on the subject of the Fire Department which ordinance having been read & amended was on motion referred to the Clerk of the Council with direction to draw up the same in proper form & report it to the next session of the Council.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the order of the Commander of the Union Fire Company a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing new and repairing the old hose of the Company.

On motion, Ordered that the Union Fire Company be, and it is hereby authorized to use the room in the south wing of the Court house in conjunction with the Fred'g Guards, or if the said Fire Company prefer to hold a separate room, for its exclusive use, the Commander of the said Company is hereby requested to ascertain and report to the Council the sum for which a room may be obtained.

On motion, ordered that an annual contribution not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars be made to the Union Fire Company for repairs to its apparatus & other necessary expenses of the Company.

On motion, ordered that so much of the Report of the Committee on the Fire Department as relates to a contract with the Union Fire Company be referred back to the said Committee with directions to have a contract prepared in due form and report the same to the Council.

The application of Mr John Metcalfe with reference to the tax imposed upon the Fred'g Aqueduct Company is referred to the Finance Committee with directions to report thereon.

On motion ordered that the Street Committee take into immediate consideration the condition character & location of the Telegraph poles in the Town and they are hereby instructed to require the Company to make such [Page 122] arrangements for conducting their wires through the Town as they may think proper.

On motion Ordered that the Chamberlain furnish to Mr Charles S Scott in Corp'n scrip the sum of \$87 in lieu of that amount of scrip in a torn & mutilated form, deposited by him with the Chamberlain.

On motion ordered that Mr Taliaferro Hunter be added to the Committee heretofore appointed on the subject of the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock River.

On motion then the Council then Adjourned
Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor
Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 10th day of March 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

John W Collins, Wm Allen, John E Tackett, Jas McGuire, C B White, J J Young, Wm S Barton, Wm T Hart—
Common Councilmen

A Communication having been made from the Fredericksburg Water Power Company in reference to the plan and the estimated expense of construction and it being the opinion of this board, that the work should go on; it is therefore ordered that the President & Board of Directors of the Fred'g Water Power Company be requested to proceed with the work as speedily as possible.

On motion made & seconded it is ordered that the Finance Committee do cause to be prepared and printed an exhibit or statement shewing the present indebtedness and resources of the Corporation with a view to negotiating a sale of the bonds of the Corporation.

On motion made and seconded it is ordered that the Public Property Committee be instructed to have all necessary repairs upon the Court House done forthwith.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a Council of Claims held at the Council Chamber on the 14th day of March 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

John Minor, Recorder

Wm Allen, Wm A Little, John J Young, Wm T Hart, John E Tackett, Landon J Huffman, John W Collins, A K Phillips, C B White—Common Councilmen

The following accounts reported favorably upon by the Finance Committee were ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain, viz;

Jas W Hunnicutt	\$50.62½
J H Kelly	\$17.75
R W Hart	\$7.75
E McDowell	\$11.00
Waite & Sener	\$15.59
Ro B Marye	\$56.00
Wm H White	\$13.58
Fred'g Guards	\$12.00
Clerk Corp'n Court	\$10.12
B Cole	\$40.54
E McDowell	\$10.89
Ste J Blaydes	\$5.57

The said Committee also reported against allowing the claim of Samuel G Daniel amounting to \$52.30, except to the extent of \$12.00

The Council on motion proceeded in a body to the Court Room to represent the stock of the Corp'n in a meeting of the Stockholders of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company, now being held there & having returned to their chamber, a resolution was offered by Mr L J Huffman that the President & Directors be

instructed to proceed to build the road as soon as may be and the vote upon the resolution being taken by Ayes & Noes, it was adopted as follows;

Ayes, John Minor, Js McGuire, L J Huffman, Wm T Hart, C B White, John E Tackett, A K Phillips 7
Noes, Wm Allen, John J Young, Wm A Little, John W Collins 4

On motion of Mr Wm A Little ordered that this Council do recommend the adoption of the northern route for the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road.

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee do settle the accounts of the Chamberlain and of the Collector of Taxes & report the same to the Council on Monday Morning next

On motion the Council adjourned till Tomorrow night at ½ past 7 o'clock

Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor

G F Chew, C C

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 15th day of March 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

J J Young, L J Huffman, Wm Allen, Wm A Little, Jas McGuire, C B White, Wm T Hart, John W Collins—
Common Councilmen

An application was made by Mr R'd Bozel to have the amount heretofore paid to him in former years for licenses to sell in the streets refunded to him, on consideration whereof & on motion the subject was laid on the Table.

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid,

Geo Aler	\$10.00
Js McGuire	\$1.37½
W S Chesley	\$1.00
A P Rowe	\$10.00
J P Hill	\$10.50
Js Cooke	\$1.00
A A Little	\$1.00
Jno W Coleman	\$13.00
John Davis	\$12.75
Jno S Caldwell	\$47.00
Fitzhugh & Little	\$10.00

The application of Mr John Beck to have refunded to him the sum of \$5 improperly charged to him as tax on two slaves and which he has paid was on motion laid on the Table.

The Clerk reported an ordinance concerning the Fire Department of Fredericksburg, which having been read was passed and is in the following words.

“An ordinance concerning the Fire Department of Fredericksburg” (Passed March 15th 1854)

1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg

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A Contract between the Union Fire Company and the Corporation duly executed was submitted to the board approved of and the Clerk directed to have the same recorded in the proper court.

A Report of the Public Property Committee on the subject of the Town Clock was presented, read, and on motion received and ord'd to be filed.

On motion, ordered that the poll to be taken on Monday next be taken in the Court Room.

A Communication from Mr Sam'l G Daniel was on motion laid on the table.

On motion, ordered that the Public Property Committee pay over [Page 126] over to the Chamberlain the amount of the insurance money rec'd by them from the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia after deducting the amount to be paid to Miss Ann Smock for her interest in the property burnt.

On motion the Council adjourned till Monday morning next

Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 20th day of March 1854

Present, J L Marye Jr, Mayor

Wm Allen, James McGuire, John W Collins, Wm T Hart, L J Huffman, John J Young, Wm S Barton, Chester B White—Common Councilmen

John S Caldwell was appointed Clerk pro tempore in the absence of Geo F Chew.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Chamberlain & Collector made the following report which on motion was unanimously adopted and ordered to be spread in the minute book of the Council and is in the following words, viz;

“To the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg,

The undersigned, the Members of the Finance Committee respectfully report that they have examined audited and settled the accounts of the Chamberlain of the Corporation and of the Collector of taxes and have found them fully supported by proper vouchers; they deem it proper to bring to the notice of the Council the admirable neatness, accuracy & system of the accounts of the Chamberlain and of the records of the Clerk of the Council & the faithfulness with which the duties of their offices have been discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, Wm Allen, W S Barton, Wm T Hart, Finance Committee”

March 20th 1854

The Communication of Samuel G Daniel, Esq which was laid on the table at the last meeting of the Council was on motion taken up & read, when Wm S Barton Esq, presented a communication from himself having reference to the matters contained in Mr Daniel's communication; Mr Barton's communication was read and thereupon Mr Huffman moved that the report made by the Finance Committee on the subject of Mr Daniel's claim for printing Coupon Bonds &c be sustained which motion was carried unanimously.

Geo F Chew the clerk of the Council appeared and took his seat.

This being the day fixed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen for the Town of Fredericksburg until the [Page 127] the third Monday in March 1855 and until others are elected in their stead, the voters met at the Court room, and deposited their ballots and after counting the same, it was found that the largest number of votes were give for the following persons, to wit;

John E Tackett

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Alex K Phillips	328
John F Scott	318
Wm F Cheek	311
Hugh S Doggett	256
Geo W Eve	254
Wm Allen	253
John W Collins	231
Geo Gravatt	203
C C Wellford	201
Wm S Barton	199
Wm S Chesley	193
John Pritchard	191
L J Huffman	181
C B White	165
John J Young	152
Wm T Hart	148
U H Bradshaw	138
John J Rollow	137

The first named twelve of whom were declared duly elected.

The Mayor & Recorder both being absent, on motion Mr Wm Allen was appointed President pro tempore for the purpose of signing the minutes.

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno L Marye Jr, Mayor

G F Chew, C C

Council Chamber, March 21, 1854

John E Tackett, Alex K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, Hugh S Doggett, Geo W Eve, Wm Allen, John W Collins, George Gravatt, C C Wellford, William S Barton, members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oaths of office before the Mayor.

On motion Mr Wm Allen was appointed President pro tempore of the Council.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor, when Peter Goolrick Esq was elected and took the several oaths of office before Beverley R Wellford, Esq a justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

Mr Wm S Chesley, member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board.

Mr William Allen was elected Recorder of the Corporation & took the oaths of office before the Mayor.

A motion was made by Mr Wm F Cheek that the salaries and compensation of the following officers, to wit, The Clerk of the Council, Chamberlain of the Corporation, Commissioner of the Revenue, Collector of Taxes and Rents, Jailor, Clerk of the Market & of the Police Officers be referred to a Committee to be appointed by the Mayor, with directions to report thereon at an early day, which motion having been put to the vote and carried the Mayor appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee, viz; Mess'rs Wm F Cheek, C C Wellford, and Wm S Barton.

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The Council then proceeded to the election of a surveyor; an inspector and measurer of lumber, wood &c &c & Measurer of Coal, Grain &c when Mr John Minor was elected surveyor, Mr Robert W Hart, Inspector & measurer of lumber, wood &c and Mr Jos B Anderson, measurer of Coal, Grain &c.

Mess'rs Robert W Hart & Jos B Anderson, took the several oaths of office before the Mayor.

On motion the appointment of the standing Committees for the current year was postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

On motion the Council adj'd till Thursday evening next at ½ past 7 o'clock
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
G F Chew, C C

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 23rd day of March 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Alex K Phillips, Wm F Cheek, Hugh S Doggett, John W Collins, C C Wellford, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley,
Wm S Barton, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

The Mayor appointed the following standing committees for the current year, viz;

On Public Property, Wm S Barton, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley

On Streets, John E Tackett, Hugh S Doggett, Jno W Collins

On Pumps, C C Wellford, Wm Allen, Geo Gravatt

On Finance, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek

Mr Geo Gravatt, by note in writing tendered his resignation as a member of the Common Council which was on motion laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to consider the subject of the salaries of the Officers of the Corp'n made a report recommending that the salaries of the following officers be fixed at the following sums, viz;

Clerk of the Council, for each session of the Council \$2.00

Chamberlain of the Corporation \$250.00

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Commissioner of the Revenue \$150.00

Collector of Taxes & rents; two & one half per cent on the amt rec'd by him for taxes before the 1st Aug, five per cent on all taxes rec'd by him after that period & 2½ per cent on rents collected

Clerk of the Market \$100.00

Two Police Officers, each \$200.00

Which report having been read was adopted with the exceptions of the portion thereof referring to the Superintendent of the Streets, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Streets with directions to report thereon to the next Council.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers of the Corporation for the current year when;

Geo F Chew was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation

Robert W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue

John S Caldwell, Collector of Taxes & Rents

James N Campbell, Clerk of the Market

Bernard Cole & Jno Timberlake, Police Officers

On motion the subject of the tax on licenses to drays, carts and wagons was referred to the Finance Committee with directions to report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.

Ordered that the penalty of the bond to be given by the Chamberlain be fixed at \$5000

The application of Mr Rd Bozel to have the amount heretofore paid by him for license to sell in the Streets refunded to him was on motion again taken up & in further motion the application was referred to a special Committee to report therein & thereupon the Mayor appointed the following as the Committee, viz; Mess'rs Wm F Cheek, Wm S Barton & Geo W Eve.

The application of John Metcalfe Esq, President of the Fred'sburg Aqueduct Comp'y to have refunded the tax upon the Capital Stock of the sd Company which was invested in real estate out of the Boundaries of the Corporation and which was referred to the late Finance Committee & reported upon adversely, was brought before the Council by Mr Wm S Barton, one of the Finance Committee of the last Council, who examined the same, stating that a mistake had been made by the late Finance Committee as to the law of the State upon which the tax was levied and moved that the excess of tax [Page 130] be refunded to the President of said Company, which on motion was laid on the table for the present.

The following resolution offered by Mr Wm F Cheek was adopted viz;
Resolved that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby instructed to consider and report to the Council the most practicable plan to be adopted by the Corp'n for the redemption of the scrip of the Corporation of the denomination of 1 & \$2.

Mr John F Scott presented a series of resolutions, calling upon the President & Directors of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Comp'y for certain information in said Resolutions contained which Resolutions having been read were on motion laid on the table.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Treasurer of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company the sum of the seventeen hundred dollars, being the 3rd Installment of two dollars per share on the stock of the Company.

Mess'rs G F Chew, Jas N Campbell, Bernard Cole & John Timberlake, severally took the oaths of office before the Mayor.

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
G F Chew, C C

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 4th day of April 1854
Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder
Geo W Eve, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton, H S Doggett, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, Alex K Phillips—Common Councilmen

On motion and in conformity with the Report of the Finance Committee the tax on Drays, Carts, and Wagons for the current years were fixed at the rates following, viz;
On drays & carts from 1st Ap'l for one years \$5.00

On Drays & Carts from 1 Nov to 1st April \$4.00

On Drays & Carts from 1 Jan'y to 1 April \$2.00

On Wagons in the same proportion at the rate of \$10 per year.

No license to issue at any time for less than two dollars and the said Committee were requested to consider the subject of taxing [Page 131] private drays, carts &c

The official bond of the Chamberlain with Ro C Duerson, John J Chew & Sta Crutchfield, his securities in the penalty of \$5000 was submitted to the board, approved and ordered to be filed.

The application of John Metcalfe, President of the Fred'sburg Aqueduct Company which was laid on the table at the last meeting of the Council was again taken up and thereupon on motion of Mr W S Barton, it is ordered that the tax imposed the last year on the Capital stock of said Company which was invested in real estate out of the Corporation and which has been paid be refunded by the Chamberlain to said Company.

Present, Wm S Chesley, John W Collins

On motion of Mr Wm F Cheek, it is ordered that the Public Property [Committee] be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise by sale by public auction to the highest bidder the vacant lot lying on Wm Street belonging to the Corp'n and to report their proceedings hereon to the Council.

On motion of Mr A K Phillips, ordered that the Rules and regulations for the Government of the Council be referred to a special committee with directions to report thereon to the next Council.

The following Committee were appointed by the Mayor under the foregoing order, viz; Mess'rs A K Phillips, Wm S Barton, Geo W Eve

The application of Mr Rd Bozel to have the amount heretofore paid by him for a license to sell in the streets refunded to him was again taken up, and thereupon Mr G W Eve moved that the amount so paid by Mr Bozel and all others similarly situated be refunded by the Chamberlain which motion having been put to the vote was rejected

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 12th day of April 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley, Wm F Cheek, Wm S Barton, John F Scott, C C Wellford, Hugh S Doggett, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

Mr Geo W Eve moved that vendors of hogs [Page 132] and shoats in the Market, by the piece, be taxed alike with Veal, mutton &c as taxed by the 2nd Section of the Ordinance of the 20th of April 1839, which being put to the vote was carried.

On motion of Mr Wm S Barton It is ordered that the second section of the Ordinance passed the 20th April 1839 regulating the Market be and the same is hereby amended in this, that for each veal, mutton, lamb, hog, shoat, or Sturgeon sold in the Market other than by a butcher who rents a stall, a tax of 12½ cents be levied & collected by the Clerk of the Market, instead of ten cents as required by said ordinance.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the redemption of the small scrip of the Corp'n made a Report, which Report having been read was on motion adopted and ordered to be filed & published in the Newspapers of the Town

The following resolution was offered by Mr Wm F Cheek viz;

Resolved that the Proxy heretofore appointed to represent the Corp'n in the Meetings of the Stockholders of the Water Power Co be and he is hereby instructed to call a meeting of the Stockholders of said Company, at an early day, and the said Proxy be & he is hereby further instructed to vote against and the oppose in such meeting the sale, mortgage or transfer of the Coupon bonds of the Corp'n now held by said Company, for less than their par value, and further

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that the bonds of the Corp'n should not be negotiated to carry on any internal improvement, at present for less than their par value; whereupon Mr C C Wellford moved that the said Resolutions be laid on the Table for the present and the Ayes and Noes being called on said motion it was carried, viz;

Ayes, John E Tackett, Alex K Phillips, John F Scott, H S Doggett, Geo W Eve, Jno W Collins, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley	9
Noes, Wm Allen, Wm F Cheek	2

On motion the resignation of Mr Geo Gravatt heretofore presented and laid on the table was taken up and received.

The Council proceeded to elect a Common Councilman to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr George Gravatt, when Mr John Pritchard was elected.

Ordered that the Chamberlain be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow on the faith of the Revenues of the Corporation which are hereby pledged for the payment of the same to the amount [Page 133] amount of twenty five hundred dollars and apply the same toward the payment of the 4th installment upon the stock of the Corp'n on the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 26th day of April 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, C C Wellford, Geo W Eve, Alex K Phillips, Wm S Barton, John F Scott, H S Doggett—Common Councilmen

Mr John Pritchard, member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the board

Present, John W Collins

On motion of Mr Wm S Barton, ordered that the Public Property Committee be & is hereby authorized to have the pump on the lot adjoining the lots on Wm Street recently ordered to be sold, removed to the out edge of the side walk and to have an iron pump substituted in its stead, and to sell the lot in which it now stands with the other lots either separately or together as may be deemed most advisable.

The following resolution was offered by Mr Chs C Wellford, viz;

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be and are hereby directed to ascertain the costs of iron pipes to convey 36 square inches of water from the basin to the lower end of Main Street or as far as the level will permit; and also to ascertain from the Fred'g Gas Company whether they will permit the Corp'n to lay said pipes in the excavations about to be made for the pipes of their Company; Whereupon Mr Wm S Barton moved to amend the same by inserting the words special Committee in the place of the Public Property Committee and the vote having been taken in the said amendment, it was carried, and the Resolutions as so amended was adopted.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs C C Wellford, John F Scott & Wm S Barton the Committee under the foregoing Resolution

Whereas a question has arisen as to whether shucks straw & green clover are included in the term of long provender used in the [Page 134] ordinance passed on the 23 June 1829, and whereas the universal custom & understanding has been, that they were not included, be it therefore Resolved that in the opinion of this Council they were not intended to be included in the said term of long provender and the vote having been taken upon the said resolution by Ayes & Noes it was adopted as follows

Ayes, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, H S Doggett, John W Collins, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton 7
Noes, Wm Allen, G W Eve, John Pritchard 3

The Committee on Finance made a report upon the subject of taxation, which report having been read on motion Mr G W Eve the said report was recommitted with instructions to & the said Committee are requested to ascertain the amount that will be required by the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company & report to the next Council.

On motion ordered that the Comm'r of the Revenue be instructed to ascertain the amount of dividends arising from Bank Stock received by any person residing in this Town.

Ordered that the bill of Dr Buddy Taylor amounting to 25¢ be paid by the Chamberlain

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 3rd day of May 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Geo W Eve, John Pritchard, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

On motion made and seconded it was ordered that the Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Common Council adopted by the last Council be adopted for the Government of this Council

Present, H S Doggett, Wm S Chesley, John W Collins

On motion, Mr John W Collins has leave to absent himself from the Board.

On motion the Report of the Finance Committee with the [Page 135] bill imposing taxes for the year 1854 was taken up and the same having been read and partially acted upon, a motion was made to adjourn until 8 o'clock pm Friday next then to resume the consideration of the said Report & bill, which motion was carried.

And then the Council Adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 5th of May 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, John F Scott, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, John W Collins, C C Wellford, H S Doggett—Common Councilmen

The following resolutions offered by Mr H S Doggett, viz;

Resolved that the Finance Committee do advertise for sealed proposals for the Corporation loan of \$85000 for which coupon bonds of the Corporation payable at 10, 15, 25, & 30 years after date with the interest payable semi-annually in the Town of Fred'g or at New York, as may be preferred, shall be issued; and the vote being taken thereon it was adopted.

On motion Resolved that the Public Property Committee be and they are hereby instructed to offer for sale at Public Auction the house and lot on Market Square now occupied by Mess'rs English & Spindle.

The Report of the Finance Committee with the Bill imposing taxes for the year 1854 was on motion taken up and the same having been read and amended were adopted the said tax bill is as follows, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that there shall be levied and collected on persons, property and other subjects of the Town of Fredericksburg, to defray the expenses of the Corporation for the year ending the 3rd Monday in March 1855, the taxes following, to wit;

On Real Estate, one dollar & ten cents on every hundred dollars value thereof, by the Commissioner's books

On each white male above 21 years of age, four dollars

On each sale above 12 years of age, four dollars & fifty cents

On each free colored male above 21 year of age, four dollars

On all personal property other than slaves, one dollar & ten cents on every hundred dollars value thereof, by the Comm'rs books

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On money on hand or deposits, or loaned without written memorials, bonds & other securities, such as notes, deeds of trust or mortgages (except such bonds as may be issued by this Corporation, fifty cents in every hundred dollars.

On all Capital invested or used in any manufacturing business or invested, used or employed in any trade or business, twenty five cents on every hundred dollars

On the monies and personal property of joint stock Companies, fifty cents on every hundred dollars

On all interest or profits which may have been received by any person, or converted into principal, so as to become an interest bearing subject or otherwise appropriated within the year next preceding the 1st February 1854, arising from bonds, bank stock or Certificates of debt, of this or any other State or Country, or of any public Corporation created by this or any other State (except from bonds issued by this Corporation), eight & one third per centum

On the salary, income or fees of every person as ascertained by the Commissioner of the Revenue under the laws of the State, one per centum

On every license granted to an insurance agent or sub agent, six per centum on the amount received as commission or compensation, and in no case to be less than ten dollars

On every merchant, auctioneer, and ordinary keepers license granted by the State, fifty per cent on the State Tax

On every license to a Broker, six per centum on the amount received by him as Commission or compensation and in no cast to be less than thirty dollars.

On the estate of a decedent, prescribed by the 39th Chap of the Code of Virginia two per centum shall be paid in such estate as is prescribed by the Code

On every slave sold by auction, one per cent in the amount of the sale.

On Bagatelle tables, ten dollars each

On Ten pin alleys, ten dollars each

On billiard tables, ten dollars each

On every license to a person selling goods by sample or case otherwise than at some storehouse or place of trace, twenty five dollars

On Hawkers, Pedlars & others vending articles in the streets whether of foreign or domestic growth & manufacture, five dollars for each carrier.

On every license permitting the proprietor or occupier of any public room, fitted for Public Exhibition, to use the same for such purpose, forty dollars.

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On every public exhibition other than at a room fitted for Public Exhibition for each time of performance, seven dollars, and for every exhibition of a circus or menagerie, fifteen dollars

On every license to the occupier of a Daguerrean gallery or room, ten dollars

On every toll bridge, eighteen dollars

And be it further ordained that the Commissioner of the Revenue do extend in the Books provided for the purpose the amount due from each person under the provisions of this ordinance.

And be it further ordained that all persons who shall call on the Collector at the Court House and pay him the taxes due by them under this ordinance by the 15th day of June next shall be entitled to a deduction of five per centum and those paying by the 15th of August next to a deduction of two per centum on the amount of their respective accounts.

And be it further ordained that the taxes shall be collected accounted for and paid to the Chamberlain of the Corporation by the Collector from time to time as collected and that the said Collector do finally settle his collection on or before the first day of December next.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 15th day of May 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

John F Scott, John Pritchard, Geo W Eve, Wm S Barton, Hugh S Doggett, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of appointing proxies to represent the stock of the Corporation at the Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fred'sburg & Valley Plank Road Co to be held on tomorrow; Whereupon it was ordered that the proxies be appointed to act in case the Council cannot be convened and the following gentlemen were elected, viz;

William S Barton, John F Scott, John W Collins.

The official bond of John S Caldwell, Collector of Taxes & Rents on the penalty of \$5000 with Alex'r K Phillips & John J Chew as securities, was submitted to the board, approved & ordered to be filed by the Mayor.

On motion of Mr Wm S Barton, it is ordered that the Proxies [Page 138] appointed to represent the stock of the Corp'n in the meeting of the stockholders of the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Co to and they are hereby instructed to vote for fixing the salary of the President at the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum.

On motion ordered that the Account of Buddy Taylor, amounting to \$4.75 be paid by the Chamberlain.

On motion ordered that the subject of opening water on Sophia Street down to the lower wharf be referred to the Committee on Streets, with directions to report thereon

On motion ordered that the Clerk of the Council cause to be published in the newspapers of the Town the ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning dogs" passed April 26th 1850.

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 20th of May 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Geo W Eve, Alex K Phillips, Chs C Wellford, Wm S Barton, John F Scott, John Pritchard, Wm S Chesley, John E Tackett, Wm F Chew, John W Collins, Hugh S Doggett—Common Councilmen

On motion and it appearing that Mr A Goodwin has been improperly charged on the Comm'rs books with the sum of \$3.04 tax on Bank dividends. It is ordered that the Collector do give him credit for that amount in the settlement of his account.

The following resolution was offered by Mr Wm S Barton, viz;

Resolved that at the next general meeting of the Stockholders of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company the vote of this Corporation be cast in favor of giving notice under the contracts for construction of the road work, for a suspension of the work, and the vote being taken thereon by Ayes & Noes the resolution was rejected by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Wm Allen, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, Jno W Collins, Wm S Barton 5

Noes, John E Tackett, A K Phillips, H S Doggett, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard [Page 139]

Charles C Wellford 7

Whereas a petition signed by many of the Citizens of the Town who are authorized to vote for members of the Common Council of Fred'sburg praying that a Poll may be opened at an early day to take the sense of the qualified voters of the Town upon the expediency of a Corporate subscription of Twelve thousand dollars to the stock of the Fred'sburg & Valley Plank Road Company in order to insure the construction of the branch road to Culpeper Court House; be it therefore Resolved that a poll be opened in the Court House (Room) in the Town of Fredericksburg on Tuesday the 6th day of June next, to take the sense of the Citizens of the Town who are qualified to vote in elections of Common Councilmen upon the question whether the Mayor & Common Council of the Town shall make the Subscription as prayed for in said petition; and that notice thereof be published &c.

On motion the Council adjourned till Monday next at 8 o'clock PM
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
G F Chew, C C

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 22nd day of May 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Geo W Eve, Wm S Barton, John F Scott, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, Alex K Phillips, Chs C Wellford, John E Tackett, Hugh S Doggett—Common Councilmen

On motion Mr John Pritchard is appointed a member of the Pump Committee

On motion ordered that the tax on Negro woman named Malinda Butler, charged on the books of the Comm'r of the Revenue to Mr John Minor be remitted.

The following resolution offered by Mr John E Tackett, viz;

Resolved that in view of the pressing need of funds to carry on the schemes of internal improvements entered into by the Corporation, and for the redemption of the small scrip of the Corporation that bonds to the amount of thirty five thousand dollars, be issued payable at 18 months, 4 years, 5 years, 7 years, 8 years, 9 years & 10 years in sums from fifty to one thousand dollars & upwards all bonds of two hundred dollars & upwards to be coupon bonds, payable at Fredericksburg [Page 140] or New York at the option of the purchasers. All bonds under \$200 to be simple obligations or coupons payable at Fredericksburg. The bonds to be dated as the money may be wanted and the interest to be payable semi-annually, was read and thereupon Mr John W Collins moved as an amendment to said Resolution that the bonds be issued payable at the periods stated in said Resolution the first to the amount of five thousand dollars and the others to the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars, annually; and the vote being taken on the said Resolution as so amended it was adopted.

On motion of Mr John F Scott, ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to negotiate the sale of the bonds of this Corporation mentioned in the foregoing resolution of Mr John E Tackett; and on motion of Mr John Pritchard, it is ordered that the said Committee be selected by ballot and thereupon Mess'rs Peter Goolrick, Alex'r K Phillips, & Chs C Wellford were elected on the first ballot.

The following resolution was offered by Mr John W Collins, viz;

Resolved that the special committee do use their discretion as to the terms of sale of said bonds; To which resolution Mr Wm Allen moved as an amendment "Proved they dispose of said bonds at not less than par" and the vote being taken by Ayes and Noes, upon the said amendment it was rejected as follows, viz;

Ayes, William Allen, Wm F Cheek, John Pritchard 3

Noes, John E Tackett, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Hugh S Doggett, Geo W Eve, John W Collins, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, Chs C Wellford 9

And the vote taken by Ayes & Noes upon the original resolution it was adopted, as follows

Ayes, John E Tackett, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Hugh S Doggett, Geo W Eve, John W Collins, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, Chs C Wellford 9

Noes, William Allen, Wm F Cheek, John Pritchard 3

An invitation from the President & Directors of the Sewing Society attached to St George's Church, to attend their fair addressed to the members of the Common Council of Fredericksburg was read, and thereupon on motion of Mr A K Phillips, it was Resolved that this Council do accept the said invitation and that the Clerk reply thereto to that effect.

On motion of Mr A K Phillips, it is ordered that it be stated on the bonds to be issued by the Corp'n under the resolutions of Mr Tackett and so expressed on their face, that they are to be exempt from taxation by the Corporation

On motion the Council then adj'd
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

G F Chew, C C
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 24th day of May 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Geo W Eve, Chs C Wellford, John Pritchard, Hugh S Doggett, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, John F Scott—
Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of hearing Mr Voss, upon the propriety of taking the vote of the Citizens of the Town upon the propriety of subscribing to the Hazle River Turnpike Company; Whereupon Mr Voss was introduced, & made an explanation to the Council of the line of the Road and stated that arrangements would be made to take the bonds of this Corporation for its subscription at their par value.

And thereupon on the motion of Mr Wm S Barton, it is ordered that a poll be opened at the Court House on the 10th day of June 1854 to take the sense of the voters of the Town upon the question of subscribing the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars to the Capital stock of the Hazle River Turnpike Co under the amended Charter passed the 11th day of March 1853, so that the said subscription shall be applied to the first section of the road provided for in the said amendment to the Charter.

On motion, ordered that the poll heretofore ordered to be opened on the 6th day of June 1854 be postponed and be opened on the 10th day of June 1854.

On motion the Council then adj'd
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
C F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on Tuesday June 6th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, C C Wellford, John F Scott, Geo W Eve, Alex K Phillips, John Pritchard, John E Tackett, John W Collins, Hugh S Doggett, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

Mr John Pritchard moved that the Council do now proceed to elect School Commissioners which motion being seconded was put to the vote and there being a tie vote thereon the Mayor gave the casting vote against the motion & the same was rejected.

On motion of John E Tackett, Mr Henry D Genter, has permission [Page 142] to continue his fence in the position that it now is including his lot at the lower end of the Town until the growing crops thereon are severed.

The Mayor stated that tomorrow being the period of the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Railroad Company, it becomes necessary to appoint proxies to take some steps to have the stock of the Corporation in said Company represented; and thereupon Mr John F Scott moved that the Council attend said meeting in a body to which motion Mr A K Phillips moved as an amendment that the Council proceed to elect three proxies to represent the Corporation in said meeting, and the vote being taken by Ayes & Noes upon the said amendment resulted as follows, viz;

Ayes, John E Tackett, A K Phillips, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, C C Wellford 6

Noes, Wm Allen, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, H S Doggett, John W Collins, Wm S Barton 6

And there being a tie, the Mayor gave the casting vote in favor of the amendment and the same was adopted and the following gentlemen were elected the proxies, viz;
Hugh S Doggett, Wm S Chesley & Geo W Eve.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Mr A K Phillips, the sum of \$4250 out of the proceeds of the bond for the sum of \$5000, sold by the special Committee appointed for the purpose when the same shall be received by him, the said sum having been advanced by said Phillips to pay the 5th installment on the Corporation subscription to the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company

The following resolution was offered by Mr John F Scott, viz;

Resolved that no payment be made by the Chamberlain on account of the Corp'n except by order of the Council; Whereupon Mr Wm S Barton moved that the said Resolution be laid on the table and the ayes and noes being taken on the said motion resulted as follows;

Ayes, John E Tackett, John W Collins, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, C C Wellford 6

Noes, Wm Allen, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, H S Doggett, G W Eve 6

And there being a tie the Mayor gave the casting vote in favor of said motion and the same was carried.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain issue to Wm F Cheek a coupon bond of the Corp'n to bear date the 15th day of April 1854 and payable three years after date with interest payable semi-annually to the amt of any scrip which may be deposited with him by Mr Cheek.

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On motion of Mr Wm F Cheek, it is ordered that the proxies appointed to represent the Stock of the Corp'n in the meeting of the stockholders of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Railroad Company to be held tomorrow be and they are hereby instructed to vote for fixing the salary of the President of said Company at a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

On motion ordered that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Friday evening next.

And then the Council adjourned.

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday Evening June 9th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, John E Tackett, John Pritchard, Alex K Phillips, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton, Hugh S Doggett, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

On motion made and seconded it is ordered that the application of Conrad H Hunt to have the sum of \$24.64, amount of tax assessed upon him as Trustee of A Reynolds & E Stewart & which he has paid, refunded to him, be referred to the Committee on Finance with directions to report thereon.

A report from the School Commissioners accompanied by reports & statements from the teachers of the Free School, was presented, read & on motion received & ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr C C Wellford, it is ordered that the Town be divided into four districts as follows, viz;

The first district to extend from the upper end of the Town to Amelia Street; the second district from Amelia to George Street, the third district from George to Prussia Street & the fourth District from Prussia to the lower end of the Town.

On motion the Council proceeded to elect Commissioners of the free school, one for each of the four districts of the Town when Benj Clark was elected for the 1st District, John E Beck for the 2nd, Peter Goolrick for the 3rd, & John S Caldwell for the 4th District.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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Saturday June 10th 1854

The Council met at the Court Room on this day to superintend the taking of the Polls upon the Question, whether the Mayor & Common Council shall subscribe on behalf of the Town, the sum of Twelve thousand dollars to the stock of the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Company, to be applied towards the construction of the Branch Road to Culpeper Court House, and whether they shall subscribe on behalf of the Town the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars to the Capital Stock of the Hazle River Turnpike Company.

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm F Cheek, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, John E Tackett, C C Wellford, H S Doggett, John Pritchard—Common Councilmen

The polls having been taken and the vote counted it appeared that the whole number votes polled on the subject of the subscription to the Stock of the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Company amounted to 208, of which 144 votes were given in favor of such subscription and 64 votes were given against it; the subscription to the Hazle River Turnpike Company amounted to 183 of which 52 were given in favor of such subscription and 131 votes were given against it.

Ordered that the usual compensation of five dollars be allowed to the Clerk for keeping the Poll, this day taken.

And then the Council adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 27th June 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

A K Phillips, John Pritchard, John W Collins, Wm S Barton, John E Tackett, Wm S Chesley, Geo W Eve, Wm F Cheek—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that there had been a call upon the Corp'n by the Fred'g and Gordonsville Rail Road Company for an installment of five dollars per share on her stock; whereupon on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain do pay the said installment out of the first money that comes to his hands [Page 145] from the sales of bonds of the Corp'n directed to be sold by the order entered on the 22nd of May 1854.

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Robert W Hart the sum of \$168.03, the amount of his salary & fees as Commissioner of the Revenue for this Corp'n for the year 1854.

The following resolution was adopted, viz;

Resolved that any hog with a twisted wire through the snout 1½ inches long may be permitted to run at large in the streets of the Town from this date until the 1st day of November next.

Mr Wm S Barton, Chairman of the Public Property Committee reported to the board that the said Committee had sold the vacant lot lying on Wm Street, belonging to the Corp'n to Mess'rs John E Beck & Geo Aler for \$1500 cash, or equivalent to cash, which report was on motion rec'd and confirmed and the Mayor requested to execute a deed in fee simple to the said purchasers upon their complying with the terms of sale, and the said Committee are required to pay over the sum so to be received by them into the hands of the Chamberlain to be placed by him to the credit of the Corporation.

On motion of Mr John Pritchard, it is ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the Market laws & to report thereon to the next Council

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs John Pritchard, Wm S Chesley & H S Doggett, the Committee under the foregoing order.

On motion, ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Commissioners of the free school the sum of eight hundred dollars out of the appropriation for said School made for the present year.

On motion ordered that an additional police officer be appointed for the Corp'n for the term of sixty days at a salary of one dollar per day, and thereupon the Council proceeded to ballot for such officer when Mr James Mazeen was unanimously elected.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 28th June 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

John Pritchard, Wm F Cheek, John F Scott, Wm S Chesley, Hugh S Doggett, John W Collins, John E Tackett, Alex K Phillips, Geo W Eve, C C Wellford, W S Barton—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering the propriety of the Corporation making a temporary loan to meet the 6th installment called for by the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company upon the Stock of the Corporation in said Company; he also stated that he believed the necessary amount could be obtained from the Bank of Commerce upon a note at sixty days drawn by the Mayor & endorsed by the Recorder; and thereupon on motion made and seconded it is ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to draw a note at sixty days payable and negotiable at the Bank of Commerce at Fredericksburg to be endorsed by the Recorder of the Corp'n for the sum of five thousand two hundred & fifty dollars, amount of said installment.

On motion it is ordered that the account of Wm Allen against T B Barton, Chairman &c amounting to \$36 be paid by the Chamberlain.

On motion made & seconded it is ordered that all persons who shall call on the Collector at the Court house and pay him the taxes due by them by the 20th of July next shall be entitled to a deduction of four per cent in the amount of the respective accounts

On motion the Council then adj'd
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 1st day of August 1854
Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder
Wm F Cheek, John E Tackett, John F Scott, John Pritchard, George W Eve, Wm S Chesley, H S Doggett, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen
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Mr John Pritchard, Chairman of the Committee appointed to revise the market laws made a report which having been partially read, on motion the said report was laid on the table for the present.

The Mayor stated that there had been a call upon the Corporation by the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company for an installment of six dollars per share on her stock, amounting to \$5100; and it having been stated by Mr C C Wellford that Mr A K Phillips had proposed to make a loan to the Corporation for sixty or ninety days, of the requisite amount to meet said installment upon a pledge of a bond of the Corporation for the amount so to be advanced by him on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain issue to Mr A K Phillips a bond of this Corporation for the amount so advanced by him, payable four years from date.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk do propose an ordinance forbidding the erection of soap & candle factories within the Corporation of Fredericksburg & report the same to the next Council.

An account of Jesse White amounting to \$3 & 90 cents was presented & on motion ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 5th day of August 1854
Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder
Wm F Cheek, C C Wellford, H S Doggett, Wm S Chesley, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, George W Eve—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of rescinding the order entered at the last meeting the installment of \$6 per share on the stock of the Corporation in the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road, a misunderstanding having existed as to the amount of the bond of the Corporation to be pledged to Mr A K Phillips, for the advance to be made by him [Page 148] to the Corporation to meet said Installment; Whereupon the following resolution was offered by Mr C C Wellford, viz;
Resolved that the said order be rescinded and that the Chamberlain be directed to prepare a bond of this Corporation at four years for \$7500 and place the same in the hands of A K Phillips, as collateral security for a loan of \$5100 proposed to be made from him and payable with ninety days. And the Ayes & Noes being taken on said Resolution it was rejected as follows, viz;
Ayes, H S Doggett, George W Eve, C C Wellford 3
Noes, Wm Allen, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, Wm S Cheek 5

On motion the Council adjourned,
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 5th day of August 1854

Present, Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, H S Doggett, George W Eve, John E Tackett, Wm F Cheek, C C Wellford—
Common Councilmen

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of making some arrangement to meet the requisition of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company upon the Stock of the Corporation of \$6 per share, amounting to \$5100; Whereupon on motion of Wm S Barton, it is ordered that the Mayor execute a note for five thousand three hundred dollars to be endorsed by the Recorder payable & negotiable at the Bank of Commerce at ninety days; and the Special Finance Committee is hereby authorized & instructed to sell so much of the bonds of this Corporation heretofore committed to them for negotiation as may be necessary to pay said note at maturity.

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to J F Simmons the sum of \$157 for Corporation small scrip left with the Chamberlain.

On motion the Council adjourned,
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on 18th day of August 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, John W Collins, George W Eve, H S Doggett, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

On motion ordered that the account of James P Chartters against the Corporation amounting to \$4 be paid by the Chamberlain.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to B Cole \$50 amount of his salary as keeper of the Court House agreeably to an order of the Corporation Court entered on the 10th Inst & certified for payment by the Clerk thereof.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to B Cole the sum of \$6 amount of his account certified by the Corporation Court for payment.

On motion Resolved that in the costs of arrest provided for in the Ordinance passed on the 20th of August 1852, shall be included a fee of 50 cents to the officer making the arrest and a fee to the Jailor of 50 cents to be recovered of the owner or master of the slave or if a free negro or mulatto as the case may be, whether the punishment inflicted be by whipping or by fine.

On motion Mr James Mazeen is appointed a police officer of the Corporation until the 20th day of March next at a salary at the rate of \$200 per annum to take office at the expiration of his present term of office.

On motion of G W Eve, it is ordered that the Street Committee cause the Town to be laid off into three districts and that one of the three Police officers be assigned to each district.

It appearing to the Council that on the 10th day of June last at the Court House a poll was taken of the Citizens of the Town of Fredericksburg who are qualified to vote in elections of Common Councilmen of the Town upon the question whether the Mayor & Common Council shall subscribe the sum of twelve thousand dollars to the stock of the Fredericksburg & Valley Plank Road Company, in order to ensure the construction of the Branch [Page 150] road to Culpeper Court House, in pursuance of a resolution of the Council passed on the 20th day of May 1854 and after advertisement of said day & place of taking said poll in the *Virginia Herald* and *Democratic Recorder*, newspapers printed in the Town of Fredericksburg for 15 days prior to the said 10th day of June and that 208 votes were polled at said time and place, of which 144 were in favour of and 64 votes opposed to the said subscription being made; Be it therefore, resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to subscribe on behalf of the Mayor & Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg the sum of twelve thousand dollars, payable in Coupon Bonds of the Corporation which shall mature in eleven, twelve & thirteen years from their date, said bonds to bear date & to be issued at the time when called for, to the Capital stock of the Fredericksburg and Valley Plank Road Company.

2nd Ordered that the Mayor & Chamberlain of this Corporation do execute & deliver to the Treasurer of the said Fredericksburg & Valley Plank Road Company the Coupon bonds of this Corporation payable at the office of the Farmers Bank of Virginia at Fredericksburg in eleven, twelve & thirteen years, in such sums as may be preferred, not less than fifty dollars each, by the President & Directors of said Company.

On motion of Mr Wm S Barton, it is ordered that the Committee on Public Property be and they are hereby authorized to have such alterations made in the Court House as to them may seem proper in order to put the same in thorough repair.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk cause the ordinance passed August 25th 1838 to be published in the newspapers of the Town.

On motion ordered that the Clerk prepare an ordinance prohibiting waggoners from camping in the streets of the Town or feeding their horses therein & report the same to the Council at its next meeting.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Peter Goolrick, Mayor
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At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday September 5th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Charles C Wellford, William F Cheek, William S Barton, George W Eve, John Pritchard, John F Scott, William S Chesley, John W Collins—Common Councilmen

The Special Finance Committee made a report of an arrangement with John Seddon Esq'r for the negotiation of the bonds of the Corporation heretofore committed to it, for negotiation contained in their report; a resolution was offered that it be approved, which on the vote being taken was lost; a modification was proposed, viz; To pay to Mr Seddon in case of his failure to sell the bonds \$250—as compensation for his trouble instead of paying five per cent on money to be raised by him it being understood that Mr Seddon is under no obligation upon the contract to endorse for or raise money for the Corporation, and the vote being taken thereupon the same was adopted & approved by the Council.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet tomorrow night week at 7½ o'clock
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 13th of September 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

John F Scott, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, Wm F Cheek, C C Wellford, George W Eve, Wm S Barton, Hugh S Doggett, John W Collins—Common Councilmen

On motion of Mr Wm S Barton, ordered that the application of Wm A Heslop &c to be released from a fine imposed upon them for hauling in the streets be referred to the Finance Committee with directions to report thereon.

The Clerk submitted to the board an ordinance forbidding the erection of Candle & Soap factories within the limits of this Corporation &c which having been read and the vote taken thereon was [Page 152] passed and ordered to be published in the newspapers of the Town. The said ordinance is as follows B

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for any person hereafter to erect or put up, or cause to be erected or put up any soap or candle factory or building to be used as such, nor to use any building already erected for such factory (except those in operation at the passage of this act) within the limits of this Corporation; and any person offending herein shall forfeit and pay for every day such building shall be used as such factory the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered by warrant for the use of the Corporation.

This ordinance shall commence and be in force from the passage thereof.

An ordinance prohibiting wagoners & others from feeding their horses or camping in any of the streets of the Town, was submitted to the Board and having been read & amended and the vote taken thereon was passed & ordered to be published. The said ordinance is as follows.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that it shall not be lawful for any person hereafter to camp at night or feed their horses, mules or oxen by day in any of the streets of the Town after having been duly warned by an officer, or any citizen of this Corporation and that any person so offending, if a white person shall for every such offense be fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 to be recovered by warrant with costs before any justice of the peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg; and any slave or free negro offending herein shall upon conviction thereof before a justice be fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 and if the fine so imposed shall not be paid by the party convicted nor by the owner or employer of such slave or some other person for him, then such slave or free negro shall be punished by stripes at the discretion of the Mayor or justice before whom such conviction shall take place; provided always that such stripes shall not be less than five, nor more than twenty in number. This ordinance shall be in force [Page 153] from the passage thereof.

On motion ordered that the subject of the erection of a powder magazine be referred to the Committee on Public Property with plenary powers to make such arrangements to ensure the erection of such building as to them may seem expedient.

It appearing to the Council that the following persons have been erroneously assessed with the amounts opposite their respective names, viz;

William Allen	\$45
Abram Cox	\$2.20
S J Blaydes	\$2.75

It is ordered that the Chamberlain do refund the same.

An account of the Fredericksburg [Guard?] against the Corporation amounting to \$22 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of Dr B R Wellford for expenses incurred by him in Richmond as a member of the Committee appointed by the order entered on the 15th December 1853 amounting to \$92.43 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

It appearing to the Council that John Metcalfe, Trustee of [blank] Wallace has been improperly charged with tax on bonds and interest to the amount of \$27.55, and the C H Hunt Trustee of E Stuart &c has been improperly charged with tax on bonds to the amount of \$26.64 which taxes have been paid. It is ordered that the Chamberlain do refund the same.

On motion the Council adjourned.
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday Evening September 20th 1854
Present, Wm Allen, Recorder
Wm F Cheek, John W Collins, John Pritchard, George W Eve, Wm S Chesley, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

On motion the Council proceeded to elect an overseer of the poor for this Corporation when Mr Argalus E Samuel was elected on the first ballot.

On motion of Mr John Pritchard, it is ordered that the subject of opening and grading Prince Edward Street [Page 154] through the meadow of L J Huffman be referred to the Committee on Streets.

On motion of Wm F Cheek, it is ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of a bond or bonds of the Corporation upon the best terms that they can, to bear date & to be made payable as to them may seem expedient & apply the proceeds towards the payment of a note due to the Farmers Bank, drawn by George F Chew & the proceeds applied to the use of the Corporation amounting to \$2000 & for any other amount that may be required to meet the present demands against the Corporation.

On motion of Mr John F Scott, it is ordered that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet hereafter at 7 o'clock

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on 26th day of September 1854
Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder
Wm F Cheek, George W Eve, John Pritchard, Wm S Barton, Chas C Wellford, H S Doggett, John F Scott, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

On motion of Mr Wm F Cheek it is ordered that the 1 & 2 resolutions of the Common Council passed on the 18th of August 1854 authorizing a subscription of \$12,000 to the Fredericksburg & Valley Turnpike Company be amended in this, that the bonds to be issued for said subscription shall bear date on the day that they are

called for and be made payable in 11, 12, & 13 years, from the 1st of January or July next succeeding the date of the issue thereof.

The Finance Committee reported verbally that in obedience to the order of the last Council they had effected a loan for the purposes set forth in the said order; and thereupon the following resolution offered by Mr John F Scott were unanimously adopted, viz;

Resolved [Page 155] that the money advanced by the Finance Committee (Mess'rs Cheek & Scott) for the use of the Corporation be applied to the payment of such debts as the last Council designed should be provided for, a list of which was then before the board; also Resolved that said Cheek & Scott be reimbursed for said advances out of the first money received by the Chamberlain for the use of the Corporation.

Mr Wm S Barton offered the following resolution, viz;

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be and they are hereby directed to have the Court House put in thorough repair, and the vote being taken thereon by Ayes and Noes it was passed as follows;

Ayes, Wm Allen, John E Tackett, John F Scott, Wm S Barton, C C Wellford 5

Noes, Wm F Cheek, H S Doggett, George W Eve, John Pritchard 4

The Mayor having made a favourable report it is ordered that the salaries of the Police Officers for the quarter ending the 19th instant be paid by the Chamberlain.

On motion ordered that the matter of the culvert now in process of erection by the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company over the ditch near the Depot of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail Road Company be referred to the Street Committee with full authority to do what may seem to them to be proper.

On motion ordered that the 2nd section of the ordinance passed on the 4th April 1845 entitled "An ordinance concerning Police officers" be amended in this "that it be the duty of the Mayor to make a quarterly report in writing to the Council or the manner in which each of the said officers shall have discharged the duties appertaining to the office.

On motion ordered that the loan of \$4250 tendered by Mr John Seddon to be applied to the 8th installment called for by the President and Directors of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road, be accepted and that the Chamberlain do apply the same to the purpose for which the loan was tendered.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk do prepare an ordinance prohibiting persons from turning their cows in the grave yard on Commerce Street, under the penalty [Page 156] of \$3 and report the same to the next meeting of the Council.

On motion the Council adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on 3rd day of October 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Hugh S Doggett, C C Wellford, Alex'r K Phillips, George W Eve, Wm S Barton, John Pritchard, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

On motion ordered that the Council shall meet on the second Tuesday in every month at 7 o'clock in the evening, except otherwise ordered.

Present, John E Tackett, Wm S Chesley, John W Collins

The following resolution was offered by Mr John F Scott, viz;

Resolved that the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Rappahannock Agricultural Society for the purpose of defraying the expenses to be incurred in obtaining & preparing grounds suitable to the approaching exhibition &c and that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of a bond of the Corporation to raise the said amount, which said bond shall be dated on the day when issued and be made payable [blank] months after date; And the vote being taken thereon by Ayes and Noes it was rejected, as follows;

Ayes, Wm Allen, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm S Barton C C Wellford 5

Noes, John E Tackett, H S Doggett, George W Eve, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard 6

On motion of Mr John Pritchard, the vote taken on the foregoing resolution was reconsidered and thereupon the vote being taken by Ayes & Noes the said resolution was rejected as follows, viz;

Ayes, Wm Allen, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm S Barton, C C Wellford 5

Noes, John E Tackett, H S Doggett, Geo W Eve, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard 6

On motion of Mr John E Tackett the vote [Page 157] taken on the Resolution appropriating \$500 to the Rappahannock Agricultural Society was reconsidered and on further motion the further consideration of the subject is deferred until Thursday evening next.

On motion the Council then adjourned until Thursday evening next

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday Evening October the 5th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, John E Tackett, H S Doggett, George W Eve, John W Collins, John F Scott, W S Barton, A K Phillips, C C Wellford

On motion of Mr John Pritchard, the report of the Committee upon the Market laws heretofore received & laid on the table was taken up & having been read was in part adopted, and an ordinance drawn in conformity thereto having been read & amended was passed and ordered to be published; the said ordinance is as follows; Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg

1. That there shall be appointed annually a fit and proper person to act as clerk of the Market, whose duty it shall be to have the Market house and market space kept clean, to keep the scales in proper order to be in the Market during the Market hours, to weight all articles bought or sold in the market if desired by buyer or seller, without fee or reward.
2. Be it further Ordained that the person who shall be appointed Clerk of the Market in pursuance of this ordinance shall before entering upon the duties of his office take an oath faithfully and impartially to discharge the same.
3. Be it further ordained that for the convenience of the country people there be three stalls in the Market House set apart for their use.
4. Be it further ordained that no person shall during [Page 158] the Market hours buy or offer to buy any kind of meat, poultry, butter or eggs within the Market House or market space for the purpose of selling again and every person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of five dollars to be recovered by warrant before the Mayor or some other Justice of the Peace of this Corporation which warrant it shall be the

duty of the Clerk of the Market or of any Constable of the Town to procure and prosecute in the name of the Chamberlain of the Corporation.

5. And be it further ordained that no person shall offer or expose to sale any blown, stuffed, meazley, tainted or unsound meat, at the Market House, or at any other place within the limits of the Corporation; any person so offending shall for each offence forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding five dollars; and all such meat so offered or exposed for sale shall be seized by the Clerk of the Market and buried or otherwise disposed of

6. Be it further ordained that all butter, lard, and tallow offered for sale in the Market house or market space shall be sold by weight only under the supervision of the Clerk of the Market; any person refusing to have the same weighed shall forfeit and pay to the Clerk of the Market, one dollar for the use of the Corporation to be recovered by warrant as heretofore prescribed.

7. And be it further ordained that any person who may be aggrieved by the acts of the Clerk of the Market may appeal to the Mayor or some Justice of the Peace of this Corporation whose duty it shall be to hear and determine the matter in dispute.

8. And be it further ordained that it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Market to keep all dogs out of the Market House during Market house, and that the owner of any dog found in the Market house during those hours who shall not have obtained a license for that year shall forfeit and pay one dollar to be recovered by warrant before the Mayor or some other Justice of the Peace as heretofore prescribed, and any person who shall hinder or obstruct the Clerk of the Market in the discharge of his duties under this section shall forfeit and pay five dollars to be recovered by warrant as aforesaid. [Page 159] And that the Clerk of the Market be and he is hereby empowered to call in the assistance of the Police of the Corporation if necessary to carry this section into effect.

9. And be it further ordained that any Butcher or other person leaving in the market space or throwing or causing to be thrown into the streets or market space of the Corporation any feet, heads, or haslets, or any part of any animal slaughtered by him, or offal of fish, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a sum not exceeding three dollars.

10. Be it further ordained that no Butcher shall rent more than two stalls in any one year and that no butcher or other person besides those who have rented a stall or stalls for the year shall sell or expose to sale in the Market House or Market space any meats or fish of the kind hereinafter names, except upon the payment of the following rates, to wit:

For each slaughtered bullock, cow or steer, twenty five cents

For each veal, mutton, lamb, hog, shoat, or sturgeon, twelve and a half cents

And if any butcher or other person occupying a stall or stalls rented by them shall thereat dispose of meats for the benefit of others he or they shall be liable to pay for all meats sold at said stalls for the benefit of others the same rates the owners thereof would have been liable to pay, if the same had been sold by them.

11. And be it further ordained that it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Market daily to demand and receive from the persons liable for the payment of the same the rates fixed in the preceding section and in the event of their failure or refusal to pay, the party so failing or refusing shall be liable to a fine of one dollar to be recovered by warrant with costs before the Mayor or any other Justice of the Peace of the Town aforesaid.

Which warrant shall be brought in the name of the Chamberlain of the Corporation.

12. Be it further ordained that all monies collected for rates and fines accruing under this ordinance shall enure to the use of the Corporation and it shall be the further duty of the clerk of the Market to keep a regular account of all such and pay over the same quarterly to the chamberlain of the Corporation and as compensation for his services herein he shall be allowed [Page 160] a commission of fifty per cent on the amount collected.

13. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

14. This ordinance shall be in force from and after the 15th of October 1854.

The following resolution was offered by Mr John F Scott, viz;

Resolved that the sum of \$500 be & the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses to be incurred in obtaining & preparing grounds suitable to the approaching exhibition of the Rappahannock

Agricultural Society; And the vote being taken thereon by Ayes and Noes it was rejected, as follows;
Ayes, Wm Allen, A K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm S Barton C C Wellford 5
Noes, John E Tackett, H S Doggett, George W Eve, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard 6

A petition signed by 117 citizens of the Town asking the Council to appropriate the sum of \$500 to defray the expenses to be incurred in obtaining suitable grounds and fitting them up for the approaching exhibition of the Rappahannock Agricultural Society was read and thereupon;
The following resolution was offered by Mr Wm S Barton, viz;
Resolved that A K Phillips, H S Doggett & John E Tackett be & they are hereby appointed a Committee to procure suitable grounds and fitting them up for the approaching Exhibition of the Rappahannock Agricultural Society and the vote having been taken thereon, it was passed.

Mr Wm S Chesley moved that the vote taken on the foregoing Resolution be reconsidered and the Ayes & Noes being taken on said motion, it was carried as follows, viz;
Ayes, Wm Allen, John E Tackett, H S Doggett, G W Eve, Jno W Collins Wm S Chesley, Jno Pritchard 7
Noes, A K Phillips, C C Wellford, John F Scott, W S Barton 4

And thereupon the Resolution coming up for reconsideration it was passed by the following vote,
Ayes, Wm Allen, A K Phillips, C C Wellford, Jno F Scott, Geo W Eve, W S Barton 6
Noes, J E Tackett, H S Doggett, Jno W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard [5]

On motion the Council adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 13th day of October 1854
Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder
Chs C Wellford, Wm F Cheek, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, Wm S Barton, John F Scott, H S Doggett, John E Tackett, A K Phillips—Common Councilmen

On motion, ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the School Comm'rs the sum of \$800 (out of any money in his hands, not otherwise appropriated) for the purpose of defraying in part the expenses of said School.

Om motion, Resolved unanimously by the Common Council that no money shall be appropriated to the prosecution of any works of Internal Improvements undertaken by the Corporation, until after the payment of a loan to be negotiated by Mr John Seddon with the Farmers, Virginia & Bank of Commerce, Banks said loan to be negotiated for the present liabilities of the Town at 90 days from date & to amount to the sum of twenty two thousand dollars.

On motion the Council adj'd
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 20th October 1854
Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder
Wm F Cheek, George W Eve, John F Scott, H S Doggett, John W Collins, Wm S Barton, John Pritchard, Wm S Chesley, Alex'r K Phillips, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

The following resolution offered by Mr John F Scott was unanimously passed, viz;
Resolved that the Public Property Committee be, and they are hereby authorized & directed to advertise and expose for sale by Public Auction to the highest bidder the interest of the Corporation in the lots on William & Caroline Streets & also the Corp'n wharf subject however, to the confirmation of any sale or sales made by them by the Common Council; and the said Committee are directed to report their proceedings herein to the Common [Page 162] Council on Thursday evening next
Resolved that the Clerk of the Market be and he is hereby instructed not to demand the fee of 12½ cents for selling hogs in the Market House from any person who shall bring pork for sale, not to be sold by the piece;

On motion the council adjourned till Thursday evening next at 7 o'clock.
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday evening October 26th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, John W Collins, Geo W Eve, Wm S Chesley, John E Tackett, John Pritchard, C C Wellford, John F Scott, H S Doggett, A K Phillips, W S Barton—Common Councilmen

On motion of Mr Wm F Cheek, the Common Council proceeded to elect a Proxy to represent the stock of the Corporation in the Hazle River Navigation Company, at all meetings of the Stock-holders of said Company to be holden in the next twelve months; when Mr George S M Payne was unanimously elected on the first ballot.

Mr Wm S Barton, Chairman of the Public Property Committee to whom was referred the subject of the erection of a Powder Magazine made a verbal report accompanied by a contract with Mr Charles S Scott & an ordinance upon the subject which contract is approved of and confirmed and the ordinance after being read & amended was passed and is as follows, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that all powder brought within the limits of this Corporation by land and into the port or harbor in any vessel other than a vessel of war Shall be stored in the Public Magazine; if brought by land as foresaid, it shall be carried directly to the Magazine, if brought into the port or harbor as aforesaid it shall be carried to said Magazine within one hour after it shall have been discharged from the vessel; provided the quantity thus brought in shall exceed the weight of thirty pounds and that for any violation of this provisions of this section the owner of the powder in question [Page 163] the person who shall receive or take charge of it when brought in and the owner, master and consignee of the vessel concerned in said violation as the case may be shall be severally liable to a penalty of five dollars for each twenty five pounds of powder and a forfeiture of the powder so brought in, in whatsoever vessel or vessels it may be contained which shall be the subject matter of such violation to be recovered by warrant before any Justice of the Peace of this Corporation with costs, for the use of the Corporation.

2a. Be it further ordained that no person or persons shall keep in any house, any quantity of powder exceeding thirty pounds at any one time under the penalty of five dollars for every pound above that quantity, to be recovered by warrant with costs as aforesaid.

3a. And be it further ordained that the Mayor or any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized as often as he shall be informed upon oath of probable cause to suspect any person or persons of concealing or keeping within the Corporation any quantity of powder over and above thirty pounds as aforesaid to issue a search warrant to examine into the truth of such allegation or suspicion and search any place whatsoever therein.

4a. And be it further ordained that a fee of twenty five cents shall be paid to the keeper of the Magazine for each keg, or part of a keg of powder therein deposited and that he shall have the right to refuse the delivery thereof until the said fee shall be paid.

Mr Wm S Barton moved that the Council sit with closed doors & the Ayes and Noes having been called for on said motion, it was carried as follows;

Ayes, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John F Scott, Wm S Barton, Alex'r K Phillips, John E Tackett, Chas C Wellford 7

Noes, Wm Allen, Wm F Cheek, George W Eve, H S Doggett, John Pritchard 5

On motion resolved that the Fredericksburg Guards be requested to aid in preserving order on the fair grounds during the approaching fair.

Mr Wm S Barton Chairman of the Committee on Public Property reported to the Board that in conformity with the order entered at the last meeting of the Council the Committee had advertised & exposed for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder the interest of the Corporation [Page 164] in the lots on William & Caroline Streets with the highest bids therefor; on consideration whereof the Council refuse to ratify said sales.

On motion ordered that the Committee on Public Property be and it is hereby authorized to sell all or any of the Corporation property at the following prices, viz;

Marye's	\$2000
Green's	\$1725
Howison's	\$2000
Mitchell's	\$2000
Warren's	\$2000
English & Spindle's	\$3000
Allen's	\$2000

And to make the best arrangements possible as to the terms of payment.

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby invested with full power to make any financial arrangements which by them may be deemed advisable on behalf of the Corporation

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 30th October 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Wm S Barton, John E Tackett, George W Eve, John W Collins, John F Scott, Wm S Chesley, Alex'r K Phillips—Common Councilmen

Mr Alex'r K Phillips, Chairman of the Finance Committee made a report of the arrangements which they would recommend to be adopted by the Council in order to meet the pressing engagements of the Corporation which is adopted and the proceeds of the sales of the Public Property are hereby pledged to secure the payment of the bonds to be issued in accordance with the arrangements of the Finance Committee to be issued on the 1st day of November 1854, and payable at one year after date.

Mr Wm S Barton, Chairman of the Committee on Public Property, having reported a sale to Wm Warren Jr of the house in which he holds the life estate, at one & two years with interest from the 1st November 1854 with a Deed of Trust in the house and lot to secure the payment; and also that the houses & lot on the south side of the Market Alley could be sold to English & Spindle who hold the life estate at the price of \$2850, payable [Page 165] on the 1st day of November 1855, with interest from the 1st day of Nov 1854, with a deed of Trust to secure

the payments and that M A Blankman had purchased the wharf at the price of \$100 cash; on consideration whereof the Council approving of, doth confirm the said Report.

Be it therefore ordained by the Mayor & Common Council that the Mayor do execute proper deeds to the purchasers thereof on either side of the Market House alley, that the Corporation shall never close the same unless with the consent of the owners of those lots

On motion the Council adjourned,
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a Regular Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening November 14th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Alex'r K Phillips, John F Scott, Wm S Chesley, Wm S Barton, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

On motion made and seconded it is ordered that the fine imposed upon Mess'rs T B Barton & John W Collins for permitting their slaves to be absent from their lots after ten o'clock without a pass or some token, be remitted.

A Communication from the Fredericksburg Water Power Company asking that the sense of the voters of Fredericksburg be directed to be taken upon the question of a new subscription by the Town, to the stock of the said Company to the amount of \$40,000 such subscription to be made on the same terms with the first subscription was presented to the Board & read; and on motion received & ordered to lie on the table for the present.

The following accounts were presented, read and ordered to be paid, viz;

Samuel G Daniel, Recorder Office for printing	\$60.12
Jesse White, printing	\$5.50
George W Wroten, for repairing roof of court house	\$15.00

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 22nd day of November 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chesley, John W Collins, Charles C Wellford, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, A K Phillips, Hugh S Doggett—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of making arrangements to meet & pay off the loan of \$4250, heretofore loaned by Mr John Seddon to the Corporation; and thereupon on motion of Mr C C Wellford, ordered that the Mayor execute a note for \$4250 with the discount to be added to be endorsed by the Recorder & payable & negotiable at the office of Discount and Deposit of the Farmers Bank of Virginia at Fredericksburg, at sixty days, to be given to Mr John Seddon for that sum; and that the Chamberlain deliver to said Sedden bonds of the Corporation for \$ [blank] at four years for an amount sufficient to secure the payment of said note

The following accounts were presented, read & ordered to be paid, viz;

Sheriff of Spotsylvania	\$10.39
Wm Allen	\$73.50

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 28th day of November 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

William F Cheek, John W Collins, George W Eve, Alexander K Phillips, John E Tackett, Charles C Wellford, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of replying to a call made by the Board of Directors of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company for the amount due said Company on the subscription of this Corporation to the Capital Stock of the same, under the 9th requisition of the Board of Directors, being twenty dollars per share, on eight hundred and fifty [Page 167] shares; whereupon on the motion of A K Phillips, it was ordered that the Chamberlain be directed to issue bonds to the extent of \$77000 being the amount of the 9th installment to the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road, said bonds to be issued at five, seven, eight & nine years, according to the terms of the resolution by the Council on the 22nd of May 1854, in reference to issuing bonds; the said bonds to be issued under the direction of the Special Finance Committee and not to be disposed of, for less than par.

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 7^h day of December 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor
Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Geo W Eve, John E Tackett, C C Wellford, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, John F Scott, John W Collins—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Board had been convened for the purpose of considering a petition signed by many citizens of the Town composing $\frac{1}{4}$ of the voters in the municipal elections of the Corporation requesting that a poll be opened to take the sense of the qualified voters of the Town, upon the question whether a new subscription of forty thousand dollars shall be made in behalf of said Town to the Stock of the Fredericksburg Water Power Company in order to the completion of its works. The said subscription to be made upon the same terms with the one already made by the said Corporation; and the said Petition having been read one motion of Mr Jno F Scott; Resolved that a poll be opened at the Court House in the Town of Fredericksburg on Thursday the 28th of the present month (December 1854) to take the sense of the Citizens of the town who are qualified to vote in elections of Common Councilmen of the Town upon the question whether a new subscription of forty thousand dollars shall be made on behalf of said Town to the stock of the Fredericksburg Water Power Company in order to the Completion of its works the said subscription to be made upon the same terms with the one already made by the Corporation.

On motion ordered that the foregoing resolution be published in the newspapers of the Town.

An Account of [Page 168] John E Tackett against the Corporation amounting to \$34.50 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Thursday, December 28th 1854

The Council met at the Court Room on this day to superintend the taking of the poll upon the question whether an additional subscription of forty thousand dollars shall be made in behalf of the Town to the Stock of the Fredericksburg Water Power Company in order to the Completion of its works &c

Present Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Chs C Wellford, Wm S Barton, John W Collins, Wm S Chesley, John Pritchard, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

Ordered that the usual fee of five dollars be allowed the Clerk for keeping the poll this day taken; The poll having been taken and the vote counted it appeared that the whole number of votes poll'd amounted to 182, of which 148 were given in favour of such subscription and 34 votes were given against it.

And then the Council adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Saturday evening December 30th 1854

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

George W Eve, Wm S Barton, John E Tackett, John Pritchard, John F Scott, Hugh S Doggett, Wm F Cheek—Common Councilmen

It appearing to the Council that on the 28th day of December 1854 a poll was taken at the Court Room, of the Citizens of the Town of Fredericksburg who are qualified to vote in elections of Common Councilmen of the Town upon the question whether the Mayor and Common Council shall make an additional subscription of forty thousand dollars to the stock of the Fredericksburg Water Power Company, in order to the completion of its works, in pursuance of a resolution of the Common Council passed on the 7th day of December [Page 169] 1854 and after advertisement of said day and place of taking said poll in the *Virginia Herald, Democratic Recorder & Fredericksburg News*, newspapers printed in the Town of Fredericksburg for fifteen days prior to the said 28th day of December 1854 and that 182 votes were polled at the said time and place of which 148 were in favour & 34 votes opposed to the said subscription being made & that more than three fifths of the votes polled on the question were polled in favour of such subscription being made; and thereupon Mr George W Eve moved that the further consideration of the subject be laid on the table and that the Council when it adjourned adjourn to meet on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock and the Ayes & Noes being called for on said motion it was carried as follows;

Ayes, John Pritchard, Geo W Eve, H S Doggett, Wm F Cheek 4

Noes, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, John F Scott 3

On motion of Mr George W Eve ordered that the Committee on Streets be directed to prepare an ordinance requiring owners of property in the Town to keep the footways in front of the same in repair & to report the same to the next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor having reported favorably ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 20th Inst.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock
Peter Goolrick, Mayor