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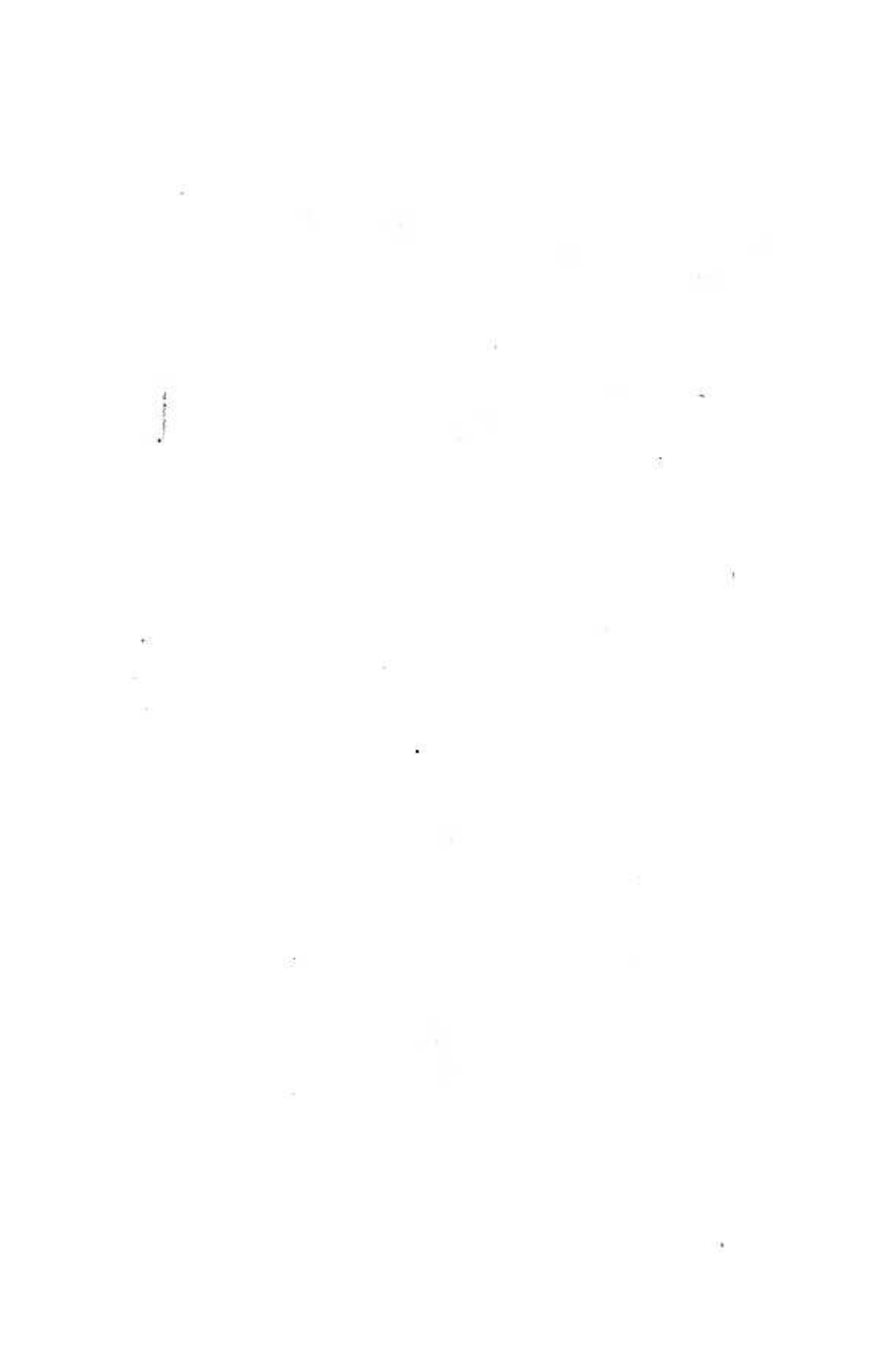


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RECORD COMMISSIONERS.

The Record Commissioners herewith submit the seventh volume of the publications issued under the authority and at the expense of the City of Boston. It is a continuation of the Town Records from the point at which their second printed volume closed, and includes all the records from March 11th, 1660-1, to March 10th, 1700-1. Up to this latter date the records of town meetings were kept with those of meetings of the Selectmen; from this date they are in separate books. It seemed best to close this report at the point of division, in order that hereafter the Town Records may be printed in one series, and the Selectmen's Records in another. It is unnecessary to point out the value of the volume here presented to the public, but attention may be called to the careful "Index of Places and Subjects," prepared by Mr. John T. Priest, assistant City Clerk, by which reference to the valuable records is so greatly facilitated.

The Commissioners have the material prepared for a volume of the earliest records of births, deaths, and marriages, contained in the records of the Town Clerk and of the First Church, which will be sent to press forthwith. It is also their intention to continue the publication of the Town Records, believing that no more important duty can be found. As this volume has been stereotyped, it will be always possible to supply copies to all persons having any reasonable claim.

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*Record Commissioners.*

CITY HALL, BOSTON, December, 1881.





## BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

Boston March 11<sup>th</sup> 1660/61.

Att a Publick meeting of all y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants vpon lawfull warning from house to house, were chosen for y<sup>e</sup> yeare ensuing.

Moderatour — Capt Thomas Savage. —

Selectmen — Mr Tho: Lake, Jn<sup>o</sup> Hull, Hezekiah Vsher, Nathaniel Williams, Peter Olliver, Jos. Scottow, W<sup>m</sup> Davis.

Constables — W<sup>m</sup> Bartholmew, Jn<sup>o</sup> Payne, Ed: Lane, Jn<sup>o</sup> Wiswall. Tho: Stocker att Rumny Marsh. Rob<sup>t</sup>. Harris att Muddy Riuer.

Clerks of y<sup>e</sup> markt — Arthur Mason, Jn<sup>o</sup> Loell.

Surveyo's of highwayes — Jacob Elliot, W<sup>m</sup> Pollard, Richard Bennett, Jn<sup>o</sup> Cunny, Sam. Davis. R. Marsh. Jn<sup>o</sup> White. Muddy riuer.

Sealers of Leather. — Edmund Jackson, W<sup>m</sup> Courser.

Water-baillyfes — Alexander Adams, Richard Gridley.

Packer of meate & fish — W<sup>m</sup> Dinsdale.

Mary Willis, widow, hath a grant of a peice of land to erect a dwelling house vpon for y<sup>e</sup> benefitt of herselfe and her children to whom itt is to bee secured, w<sup>th</sup> ground is to bee laid out by y<sup>e</sup> Select men in some convenient place.

It is Ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> former Instructions giuen to y<sup>e</sup> select men shall continue till new instructions bee p<sup>r</sup>pared to w<sup>th</sup> end a committee was nominated.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho: Savage, Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho: Clarke, Cap<sup>t</sup> James Olliner, Cap<sup>t</sup> Ed. Hutchinson, Ed: Rainsford, M<sup>r</sup> Edw: Tynge & Tho: Buttolph were chosen a Committee to draw Instructions for y<sup>e</sup> select men w<sup>ch</sup> are first to bee presented to y<sup>e</sup> consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Towne for acceptance & confirmation.

Vpon y<sup>e</sup> motion of Rich. Gridley & y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> brick makers in y<sup>e</sup> Towne for to rent some p<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Townes land in y<sup>e</sup> Comon to make bricke; It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> select men shall accomodate them w<sup>th</sup> whatt land may bee fit for their vse in y<sup>e</sup> most convenient place.

[2.] 25: 1. 1661. At a meeting of W<sup>m</sup> Davis, Peter Olliver, John Hull, Tho. Lake, Hezekiah Usher, & Nat Williams, W<sup>m</sup> Davis is chosen Recorder — Nath<sup>l</sup> Williams chosen sealer of weights and measures. — Sarg<sup>t</sup> Tho. Clarke, Theodore Atkinson, Henry Steuens, Ed. Devotion, John Odlin & Ed. Cowell are chosen for perambulation betwene muddy riuer & Cambridg & betwene muddy river & Roxbury.

Mr Tho. Lake, Jos. Scottow, Sam Bennitt, & Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuttil for Perambulation betweene Boston & Lynn.

It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Constable of muddy riuer seize y<sup>e</sup> rayles & payles cleft on y<sup>e</sup> Comon by Leiu<sup>t</sup> Remington & to dispose of them to y<sup>e</sup> Townes Treasurer<sup>s</sup> order.

Whereas y<sup>e</sup> Pitts by Henry Bridgams were lett to Cap<sup>t</sup> Johnson for 7 yeares & hee hath this day desired a release of his contract w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Towne, y<sup>o</sup> same being accepted by us, y<sup>e</sup> fore mentioned Pitts are now lett to Henry Bridgam for 7 yeares, hee paying 15<sup>s</sup> p. annu<sup>m</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Townes Treasurer.

W<sup>m</sup> Whittwell is licensed to draw beere for this yeare, Goodwife Vpsall hath y<sup>e</sup>. like liberty, Clement Gross hath y<sup>e</sup> like liberty, as also W<sup>m</sup> Pollard.

It is Ordered y<sup>t</sup> no person shall fell any timber ypon any of y<sup>e</sup> Townes Comons upon pænalty of 10<sup>s</sup> for every tree felled withoutt leaue.

Peter Olliver & Peter Aspinwall are deputed tq joyne w<sup>th</sup> Cambridg men to lay outt a high way from Muddy-riuer to Cambridg.

It is Ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> surveyor<sup>s</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> high wayes att muddy riuer shall forthw<sup>th</sup> repayre y<sup>e</sup> high way to Water towne mill where itt is defectine.

Edward Cowell & Joseph Gridley are chosen to bee execution<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Townes orders respecting swine for this yeare in consideration whereof all fines except forfeitures shall accrue to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> pyes.

8 : 2 : 1661. Att a generall Townes-meeting upon publick notice from house to house Vpon y<sup>e</sup> P<sup>e</sup>tition of Leiu<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Turner & Peter Olliver respecting y<sup>e</sup> Cedar swamp att Muddy Riuer w<sup>th</sup>. was lett to them by Lease y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup>. Lease may bee for ever. Itt is Ordered, y<sup>e</sup> Propriety of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> swamp shall belong to y<sup>e</sup>. s<sup>d</sup> p<sup>tyes</sup> for ever upon y<sup>e</sup>. paym<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> rent mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> former Lease.

In answer to Mr Scottowes petition Itt is ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> former Comittée deputed y<sup>o</sup> 5-9-60 be appointed w<sup>th</sup> such other of y<sup>e</sup> ancient select men as Mr Scottow pleases to give answer on y<sup>e</sup> Townes behalfe to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> p<sup>tyes</sup>.

The Instructions for y<sup>e</sup> select men signed by y<sup>e</sup> Committee appointed to draw them vp, being read, were voted y<sup>t</sup> they should bee in force till new were appointed.

[3.] 29 : 2 : 1661. Att a meeting of Jn<sup>o</sup>. Hull, Jo<sup>s</sup>. Scottow. Hez. Usher, Peter Olliver & W<sup>m</sup>. Davis Whereas W<sup>m</sup> Blantan hath hired some peells of land for 7 yeares next ensuing beginning y<sup>e</sup> first month—the dimensions of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> land is 8 Rod 6 foote 4 inches in front next y<sup>e</sup> high way, & in length downe to y<sup>e</sup> sea, in consideration whereof hee is to pay 14<sup>s</sup> p. annum to y<sup>e</sup> Townes Treasurer & all records of form<sup>l</sup>. contracts are hereby made null

W<sup>m</sup> Wardell is allowed to draw beere for y<sup>e</sup> yeare ensuing. Lient: Rob<sup>t</sup> Turner hath y<sup>e</sup>. like liberty granted to him

Tho<sup>s</sup> Blot is chosen Cow keeper for this yeare.

Itt is Ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Constables begin their watch y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>mo</sup>. att night according to instructions to former Constables & to continue y<sup>e</sup>. s<sup>d</sup> watch till farther order bee taken to y<sup>e</sup>. contrary