

City Document—No. 2.

THE
SEVENTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Committee on Accounts
ON THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
CITY OF ROXBURY,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31st, 1863.



ROXBURY:
JOHN M. HEWES, PRINTER.
1863.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance undrawn February 1, 1862.....	2,971 83	
Sundry transfers, April 1, 1862	500 00	
APPROPRIATION.....	13,912 00	\$17,383 83

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to ENGINEERS—

To James Munroe, Chief Engineer	412 50	
“ Gilbert S. May, Assistant Engineer.....	20 00	
“ Amory F. Sherman, “	23 75	
“ Robert Simpson, “	80 00	
“ John Culligin, “	91 25	
“ Phineas D. Allen, “	60 00	
“ John Brooks, “	60 00	\$747 50

Paid to FIREMEN—

To Officers and Members of Engine Co. No. 1...	1,652 00	
“ “ “ “ No. 6...	1,652 00	
“ “ “ “ No. 7...	1,652 00	
“ “ “ of Hook & Ladder Co. . .	912 00	
“ “ “ of Hose Co. No. 1	594 00	
“ “ “ of Steam Fire Engine..	2,729 00	\$9,191 00

Paid for SUNDRIES for the several Companies—

ENGINE No. 1.

To Hunneman & Co., repairs	16 50	
“ William Seaver, oil.....	11 37	
“ Francis Freeman, oil, &c.	21 86	
“ George R. Slader, gas fixtures	7 20	
“ James Johnson, carpenter's work.....	18 00	
“ William Morse, “	13 00	
“ Roxbury Gas Light Co., gas.....	27 00	
“ Williams & Eaton, blacksmith's work	3 00	
“ John A. Scott, “	2 91	
“ Fillebrown & Holbrook, stove work.....	21 56	
“ Solomon Sanborn, mason's work.....	24 50	
“ E. A. Hovey, repairs	2 22	
“ Chester M. Gay, “	1 25	
“ Libbey & Dolan, wood and bark.....	4 50	
“ Thomas Hurley, sawing wood.....	1 50	
“ Phineas D. Allen, repairs.....	4 15	
“ Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Co., water.....	15 00	
“ Boston Belting Co., hose	11 62	
“ John A. Scott, ringing bell.....	18 75	
“ Owen Nawn, drawing engine	8 50	\$234 39

ENGINE No. 6.

To Hunneman & Co., repairs	25 55	
“ James J. Farrell, ringing bell.....	25 00	
“ Frank W. Munroe, “	25 00	
“ Jarvis W. Dean, repairs.....	5 50	
“ Fillebrown & Holbrook, stove work.....	9 41	
“ Williams & Eaton, repairs.....	17 25	
“ Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Co., water.....	30 00	
“ J. E. Adams & Co., coal	4 95	
“ Libbey & Dolan, bark.....	4 50	
“ Boston Belting Co., hose.....	16 00	
“ Roxbury Gas Light Co., gas.....	17 10	
“ Charles W. Newell, brooms, &c.....	3 15	
“ F. W. Fuller, hardware.....	3 87	
“ A. L. Litchfield, painting, &c.	7 75	
“ Owen Nawn, drawing engine.....	8 50	
“ Alexander Stuart, stationery.....	10 81	\$214 34

Amount carried forward,

\$10,387 23

Amount brought forward,

\$10,387 23

ENGINE No. 7.

To Hunneman & Co., repairs	29 00	
" William Seaver, oil, &c.	80 54	
" Williams & Eaton, repairs	20 10	
" Thomas P. Sweat, carpenter's work	4 55	
" Henry W. Smith, painting	38 50	
" Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Co., water	30 00	
" Phineas D. Colburn, ringing bell	12 50	
" James H. Carley, "	25 00	
" George R. Slader, lamps	8 60	
" William Clark, carting	25 92	
" Joseph W. Sweat, repairs	14 00	
" Hiram Carleton, covering pipe	3 00	
" J. E. Adams & Co., coal	5 29	
" William Clark, "	20 63	
" Libbey & Dolan, bark	4 50	
		\$322 13

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

To Chauncy Woodward, wood	9 87	
" Thomas Hurley, sawing wood	1 50	
" Williams & Eaton, repairs	34 46	
" E. T. Northend, horse hire	225 00	
" Roxbury Gas Light Co., gas	12 30	
" Thomas Jennings, extra work	20 00	
" Henry W. Smith, painting	57 65	
" Phineas D. Allen, repairs	33 30	
" William Morse, carpenter's work	13 00	
" Charles W. Newell, sundries	1 53	
		\$408 61

HOSE COMPANY No. 1.

To Thomas A. Scott, oil, &c.	5 73	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs	3 95	
" Fillebrown & Holbrook, stove work	2 62	
" George R. Slader, gas fixtures	11 55	
" Boston Belting Co., hose	2 50	
" Roxbury Gas Light Co., gas	8 89	
" Williams & Eaton, blacksmith's work	8 92	
" T. P. Sweat, carpenter's work	15 00	
" Hiram Carleton, spanner straps	11 30	
" Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Co., water	15 00	
" Henry W. Smith, painting	44 50	
" J. E. Adams & Co., coal	6 10	
" Libbey & Dolan, bark	5 00	
		\$141 06

Amount carried forward,

11,259 03

Amount brought forward,

\$11,259 03

STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

To John Tirrell, coal	56 00	
" J. E. Adams & Co., "	5 17	
" William Clark, "	32 02	
" Chauncy Woodward, wood	12 12	
" James Munroe, paid for sawing wood.....	6 00	
" Owen Nawn, horse hire.....	61 50	
" Wm. J. Matbes, "	1 50	
" Hiram Carleton, harness work	89 72	
" Hunneman & Co., repairs.....	19 20	
" Campbell, Whittier & Co., "	196 33	
" Fillebrown & Holbrook, "	5 49	
" Patrick Lally, "	7 50	
" Phineas D. Allen, "	29 76	
" Williams & Eaton, "	5 89	
" William Seaver, supplies.....	19 73	
" Thomas P. Sweat, carpenter's work.....	69 74	
" John C. Hubbard, chairs.....	12 00	
" Josiah P. Hall, ringing bell.....	75 00	
" Joseph Houghton, hay and grain	303 02	
" Oliver Ames & Son, hay cutter	10 00	
" Mrs. Murphy, washing.....	18 89	
" Mrs. Worcester, "	14 71	
" Francis W. Fuller, hardware.....	8 81	
" Michael Wrin, repairs.....	79	
" W. & A. Bacon, blankets.....	7 75	
" William Brock, shoeing horses.....	41 52	
" H. N. Hooper & Co., bell wheel.....	6 00	
" L. D. Davenport, rollers	14 00	
" James McMann, repairing slating.....	2 80	
" Solomon Sanborn, mason's work.....	1 50	
" John Brooks, whitening.....	15 00	
" Francis Freeman, oil, &c.	18 56	
" B. F. & G. H. Wiggin, painting and glazing..	14 19	
" Roxbury Gas Light Co., gas	63 90	
" E. M. Stoddard & Co., ice.....	5 00	
" Boston Belting Co., hose.....	1,098 22	
		\$2,349 33

Paid for SUNDRIES not otherwise enumerated—

To William Morse, care of engine "Relief,"	100 00	
" A. D. Williams, rent of building.....	50 00	
" Francis Jones, carting	1 00	
" Matthews & Co., "	2 50	
" B. Franklin, horse hire.....	8 00	
" Wm. J. Mathes, "	3 00	
" Walter M. Bills, filling reservoirs.....	22 00	
" James T. Cole, "	9 00	
" Owen Nawn, "	38 25	
" Frank W. Munroe, "	5 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	238 75	\$13,608 36

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	238 75	\$13,608 36
To Thomas Simmons, fluid	25 30	
“ Williams & Eaton, repairs	14 50	
“ James Munroe, paid for badges	7 00	
“ Boston Belting Co., hose	3 50	
“ William Morse, reservoir covers	12 00	
“ Solomon Sanborn, repairs	9 00	
“ Edwin Ray, paid for “	5 50	
“ Henry A. Hall & Co., rubber coats	10 50	
“ William F. Shaw, lanterns	15 00	
“ Henry Pratt, keys	15 60	
“ Lawrence & Co., rubber coats	3 87	
“ Joseph W. Winslow, grease	7 56	
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs on “ Relief”	2 60	
“ George Curtis, lumber	1 40	
“ S. Chubbuck & Sons, iron work	4 50	
“ Williams & Everett, picture frames	7 50	
“ E. A. G. Roulstone, caps	129 45	
“ Francis Freeman, ringing bell	50 00	
“ Joseph Hastings, “	50 00	
“ Walter H. Cook, “	62 50	
“ Henry W. Smith, painting	14 25	
“ Swain & Craft, chamois skins	3 00	
“ Alexander Stuart, stationery	5 56	
“ Norfolk County Journal, printing	5 50	
“ Joseph W. Sweat, labor	3 00	
“ Francis Swift, “	3 00	
“ Chas. D. Sampson, “	3 00	
“ Joseph H. Cole, “	3 00	
“ James T. Cole, “	3 00	
“ Gridley J. F. Bryant, plan	75 00	
“ Pay Roll of labor, digging well	146 91	
		\$941 25
		\$14,549 61
Transferred to Contingent Appropriation, 1862-63		173 65
		\$14,723 26

Balance undrawn February 1, 1863, \$2,660 57.

RESERVOIRS.

Balance undrawn February 1, 1862	42 52	
APPROPRIATION	2,000 00	
		\$2,042 52

EXPENDITURES.

To James H. Collins, for building reservoir	\$1,200 00
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Balance undrawn February 1, 1863, \$842 52.

REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY.

Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 1, and land, corner Warren and Dudley Sts.	6,000 00
Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 2, and land, Centre Street	3,500 00
Engine-house, (of brick,) No. 6, and land, Eustis Street	2,500 00
Engine-house, (of wood,) No. 7, on lease land, Ruggles Street	600 00

R E P O R T

OF THE

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.



To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council :

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith submit my Annual Report of the condition of the Fire Department of the City of Roxbury.

The number of hand Engines in active use is three, the same as last year, retaining their old numbers, viz : No.'s one, six and seven.

Also one Steam Fire Engine, and Hose carriage connected ; one Hose carriage, and one Hook and Ladder carriage, which constitute the entire force of the apparatus now in service.

During the past year, there have not been any fires of great magnitude ; the most serious being the burning of Capt. Welsh's house on Lambert Avenue and an establishment on Pine Island ; and we have been able to get along without assistance from abroad.

The discipline of the department has been perfect, not a case of insubordination having been reported, thus relieving the Board of Aldermen of an annoyance which in many previous years has been serious.

During the past year two reservoirs have been constructed in much needed parts of the city, and I recommend the same number be built this year.

The Hand Engines, Hose, and Hook and Ladder carriages are in good working condition, care being taken to have them always in good repair, believing it to be better economy to make little repairs when needed, than to postpone till a large outlay would be inevitable.

The working of the Steamer is very satisfactory and reliable. When it was first put in use, it often disappointed, and would sometimes fail just when its service was almost indispensable. But a radical defect in its suction has been discovered and remedied, and now it works quick and never fails.

I would respectfully recommend that another Steamer be purchased by the city. The experience of other cities has fully tested their utility, and in many places the hand engines have given way entirely to steam.

The cost of running a steamer with the hose carriage is about one-third more than that of a hand engine, but should a new steamer be purchased, two of those now in use could be dispensed with and a large annual saving made. The old spirit of rivalry, and love of excitement, which formerly distinguished firemen is fast subsiding, much, we believe, to the welfare and benefit of the community; but it is followed by a great reluctance on the part of our well disposed and orderly citizens to join the department, from the severe physical labor and exposure incident thereto.

Other evils which in the past have been apparent, would also be avoided, and, we are firm in the belief, if we had an entire steam apparatus for extinguishing fires, it would become strictly a matter of business, and the city would be effectually guarded against the calamities of fire.

The hose purchased last year of the Belting Co. has fully answered expectations. It is durable, easily kept clean, and needs no oiling.

The engine houses are in good repair, except the house of No. seven, where quite a large sum will be necessary to put it in good order; and even after this is done, it is not so large as is desirable.

The whole number of alarms was fifteen less than that of 1861, and there was but one false alarm.

Whole number of alarms last year,	42
Actual Fires,	33
Alarms out of the City,	7
False Alarm,	1
Struck by lightning,	1
	— 42

Total Amount of Loss, \$41,235. Insurance, \$34,450.

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge the harmonious action of my associates in the Board of Engineers, and their zealous devotion to the interests of the city.

The accompanying documents give a full report of the members of the department, condition of the engines and apparatus, list of hydrants and reservoirs, and the general condition of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MUNROE,
Chief Engineer.



IN COMMON COUNCIL, FEB. 24, 1863.

Report accepted and referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to print with the Annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
Sent up for concurrence.

JOSHUA SEAVER, *Clerk.*

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, FEB. 24, 1863.

Concurred.

JOSEPH W. TUCKER, *City Clerk.*

RESERVOIRS,
AND OTHER SOURCES OF OBTAINING WATER.

No.	Location.	No. of Gallons.	Condition.
1	Eliot Square	25,000	Good.
2	Warren, near Washington Street	30,000	Good.
3	Corner of Washington and Eustis Streets	16,000	Good.
4	Short Street	25,000	Good.
5	Chestnut Street, Mount Pleasant	15,000	Good.
6	Corner of Fellows and Hunneman Streets	15,000	Good.
7	Cedar Street	15,000	Good.
8	Corner of Washington and Ruggles Streets	18,000	Good.
9	Corner of Vernon and Auburn Streets	18,000	Good.
10	Corner of Dudley and Kenilworth Streets	18,000	Good.
11	Dudley, near Warren Street	18,000	Good.
12	Corner of Dudley and Greenville Streets	18,000	Good.
13	Eaton, near Yeoman Street	18,000	Good.
14	Centre Street	18,000	Good.
15	Porter Street	18,000	Good.
16	Elm Street, Mount Pleasant	18,000	Good.
17	Walnut Street, junction of Warren	18,000	Good.
18	Pearl Street	18,000	Good.
19	Eustis, corner of East Street	18,000	Good.
20	Copeland Square	18,000	Good.
21	Well, corner of Davis and Eustis Streets		Not Good.
22	Regent, near St. James Street	15,000	Good.
23	Corner of Ruggles and Cabot Streets	17,000	Good.
24	Adams, near Eustis Street	17,000	Good.
25	Davis Street	16,500	Good.
26	Oak Street	18,000	Good.
27	Norfolk Street	16,000	Good.
28	Corner of Greenville and Winthrop Streets	19,500	Good.
29	Smith Street, near Parker Street,	18,500	Good.
30	Corner of Warren and Waverly Streets	23,000	Good.
31	Corner of Parker and Alleghany Streets	26,000	Good.
32	East Street, opposite Norfolk Avenue	26,000	Good.
33	Washington Street, opposite City Hotel,	26,000	Good.
34	Swett Street, near Lead Factory,	30,000	Good.
35	Shawmut Avenue,		Good.
36	Walnut Street,	30,000	Good.
37	Well in G. A. Simmons's yard, Highland Street		Good.
38	Well in Samuel Guild's yard, near Bartlett Street		Good.
39	Well in Patent Leather Works yard, Water Street		Good.
40	Reservoir corner of Highland and Cedar Street	45,000	
41	Reservoir corner of Grove Hall Avenue & Winthrop St.	45,000	

HYDRANTS,

FROM MOUNT WARREN, COCHITUATE AND JAMAICA POND PIPES.

No.	Location.	Source.	Condition.
1	St. James Street	Mt. W.	Good.
2	Alpine Street	"	Good.
3	Near St. James Street	"	Good.
4	Dale Street	"	Good.
5	Tremont Street, corner of Franklin Place	Cochit.	Good.
6	Tremont Street, corner of Sudbury Street	"	Good.
7	Tremont Street, corner of Ruggles Street	"	Good.
8	Tremont Street, opposite Carpet Works	"	Good.
9	Sidewalk, Texas Avenue,	"	Good.
10	Washington Street, corner of Phillips Place	"	Good.
11	Washington Street, opposite Isaac Davis's	"	Good.
12	Ruggles Street, opposite the late Catholic Church	J. Pond.	Good.
13	Vernon Street, corner of Belmont Street	"	Good.
14	Vernon Street, corner of Washington Street	"	Good.
15	Davis Street, corner of Webber Street	"	Good.
16	East Street, opposite Stubb's shop	"	Good.
17	East Street, corner of Davis Street	"	Good.
18	Swett Street, near Curtis & Blake's Mill,	"	Good.
19	Corner of Orchard and Eustis Streets,	"	Good.
19	Orchard Street, corner of Eustis,	"	Good.
20	Washington Street, opposite Bacon's Block,	"	Good.
21	Ruggles Street, corner of Parker St.	"	Good.
22	Western Avenue, near Francis Street	Cochit.	Good.
23	Western Avenue, Appleton Place,	"	Good.
24	Tremont Street, corner of Benton,	"	Good.
25	" " " Coventry,	"	Good.
26	Circuit " near Catholic Church,	Mt. W.	Good.
27	" " " Shawmut avenue,	"	Good.
28	Corner of Hunneman st. and Harrison avenue,	Cochit.	Good.
29	Harrison avenue, opposite Webber,	"	Good.
30	" " " corner of Eustis,	"	Good.

ENGINES, HOSE AND HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGES, &c.

Location.	No. of Men.	Suction Hose		Leading Hose		Sundries.	Condition.
		Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.		
Dearborn Steam Fire Engine, Centre St., . .	14	23	2200	1 Hose Carriage, 3 Horses, Harnesses, &c.		Good.	
No. 1, Dudley, corner of Warren Street . .	40	32	900	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes		Good.	
No. 2, East Street		27	200	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes,		Good.	
No. 6, Eustis Street	40	36	1000	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes		Good.	
No. 7, Ruggles Street	40	28	900	1 Hose Carriage, 6 Buckets, 2 Axes		Good.	
Hook and Ladder, Dudley Street	20			15 Ladders, 4 Fire Hooks, 4 Crotch-poles, 4 Axes, 3 Plaster Hooks, 6 Forks, Buckets, Guy Ropes, Saws, &c.		Good.	
Hose Company, Culvert Street,	12		1600	1 Hose Carriage, 2 Buckets, 2 Axes,		Good.	
Total	166	170	6300*				

NOTE.—Dearborn Steam Fire Engine. House in good condition.
 Engine House, No. 1. In good condition.
 Engine House, No. 6. The condition of the house is good.
 Engine House, No. 7. The house is too small and out of repair.
 Hook and Ladder House, No. 1. In good condition and every way convenient.
 Hose House, No. 1. House very poor indeed.
 100 feet Hose at McIntosh's Factory, Orange Street.

* 1000 feet of the above Hose is ordinary.

FIRES AND ALARMS FROM FEBRUARY 1862, TO FEBRUARY 1863.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1862.					
Feb. 6					Alarm from Brookline.
" 12	John Donahue	Fellowes Street	\$25 00		House. Defect in chimney.
" 13	Benjamin Franklin . . .	Sumner Street	500 00		Barn. Incendiary.
" 20	George Williams	Kemble Street	600 00		Barn. Incendiary.
" 23	Norfolk Chemical Co. . .		25 00		Store-house. Incendiary.
" 24					Alarm from Boston.
March 8	Francis W. Welch	Corner of Lambert Avenue and Porter Street . . .	13,000 00	\$10,000 00	James T. Hall, a member of Washington Hook and Ladder Co., was instantly killed by the falling of a chimney. Cause, defect in furnace. Dwelling-house.
" 29	David Hall	Cor. of Eustis and Mount Pleasant Place	300 00		Cause, children playing with matches.
April 20					Alarm from Boston.
" 20		Tremont Street			Caused by clothing taking fire.
" 27					" " "
May 11	Sewall, Day & Co. . . .	Parker Street	200 00		Spontaneous. Cordage Works.
" 15					Slight fire in shed on Plymouth Street.
" 31					Alarm from Boston.
" 31					Alarm from barn, Plymouth St. Damage slight.
June 17					Alarm from Soap Works on Norfolk Avenue.
" 23	William McCarty	Phillips Street			
" 30	William C. Hunneman . .	Sweet Street	1,300 00		Varnish Factory. Boiling over of varnish.
July 3	William T. Spear and B. F. James	Washington Street	916 00	2,000 00	Variety store. Caused by fireworks taking fire.
" 4					Alarm from blacksmith's shop on Tremont St.
" 11					Alarm from Boston.
July 30					Alarm caused by a house on Lambert Avenue being struck by lightning.
Aug. 5	S. Seaverns, Mrs. Faxon and E. G. Caldwell . . .	Vernon Street	600 00	3,000 00	Provision store and dwelling-house. Incendiary.

Date.	Owner or occupant.	Situation.	Loss.	Insurance.	Causes, &c.
1862.					
Aug. 18	M. S. Sargent, Brown & McCarty	Williams Street	\$1,100 00	\$1,000 00	Barn used for storage. Incendiary.
" 22	Thomas Kelley	Lowell Street	45 00	900 00	Dwelling-house. Cause, sparks from chimney.
Sept. 12	W. L. Bradley and Fred. Heath	Pine Island	18,000 00	10,000 00	Bone Factory. Cause, friction.
7* " 15	L. S. Beecher	Linden Park			Dwelling-house. Damage slight. Incendiary.
" 18					Alarm from Iron Foundry on Kemble Street. Damage slight.
" 24					Alarm from house on Lowell Street. Caused by sparks from chimney setting fire to the roof. Slight damage.
" 25					Alarm from store-house of Carpet Co. Damage small.
" 30	Nelson Curtis	Factory Street	234 00	2,100 00	Tenement house. Cause, defect in chimney.
Nov. 28	Joseph Streck	Cabot Street	2,000 00	3,200 00	Dwelling-house, dance-hall, bowling-saloon, &c. Cause unknown.
" 30					Alarm from Iron Foundry on Lowell St. Slight damage. Incendiary.
Dec. 12	Sewall, Day & Co. . . .	Parker Street	200 00	200 00	Cordage Works. Cause, friction.
" 17					Alarm from West Roxbury.
" 20					False alarm.
" 21	Mr. Cary	Tremont Place	60 00		House. Cause unknown.
" 22	Heirs of Dea. Munroe . .	Washington Street, . . .	100 00	200 00	House and stores. Cause unknown.
" 27	Philip H. Miller	Orange Street	1,000 00	1,850 00	Carpet Factory. Accidental.
1863.					
Jan. 17					Alarm from Brookline.
" 18		Vernon Street	20 00		House of the Angel Guardian. Caused by clo- thing coming in contact with the gas light.
" 20					Alarm from bed taking fire. Damage small.