

## BOSTON TOWN RECORDS, 1773.

[405.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Day of March Anno Domini 1778 —

407.] The Town brought in their Votes for Sixteen Fire-wards and upon sorting them it appeared that —

John Scollay Esq.  
Newman Grenough Esq.  
Mr. William Cooper  
Mr. John Mico Wendell  
Thomas Marshall Esq.  
Mr. Joseph Tyler  
Adino Paddock Esq.  
Mr. James Richardson - - - - (excused)  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Benjamin Waldo  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John Hancock Esq.  
Mr. Samuel Adams —  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Martin Gay  
Francis Shaw Esq.  
Mr. Alexander Hill  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Job Prince  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Edward Procter —

who chose Fire-Wards for the Year ensuing - - - -

Tuesday 9. March, 9 O'Clock Met according to Adjournment.

The Petition of a number of Inhabitants — “ That a new Street may be laid out from the end of Union Street across Friend Street, and through the Lands of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Andrews and others, laid waste by the late Fire so as to strike upon Sudbury Street ” was read, whereupon —

Voted that Jonathan Williams Esq.

Mr. Jonathan Mason

John Tudor Esq.

Thomas Gray Esq.

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Mr. Henderson Inches

be a Committee to take the same into consideration, and Report at the Adjournment —

That Article in the Warrant Viz<sup>t</sup>. — “ To consider the Request of the Fire-Wards, that a number of Leather Buckets may be provided for each Engine ” was read & considered whereupon Voted, that the Fire Ward be and they hereby are desired and impowered to provide Six Leather Buckets for each Fire Engine —

Tuesday the 23<sup>d</sup>. of March 9. O'Clock A : M : Town Met according to Adjournment —

Mr. James Richardson chosen one of the Fire-Wards for the Year ensuing, having desired to be excused from serving in that Office, he was accordingly excused —

Upon a Motion made, Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be given Mr. James Richardson for his good services as a Fire-Ward, several Years past —

[434.] The Town brought in their Votes for one Fire Ward in the room of Mr. James Richardson, who had resigned and upon sorting them it appeared that

Mr. John Coffin  
was chosen a Fire-Ward for the ensuing Year —

The Committee appointed to consider, " Whether it will not be more for the safety and preservation of the Town, that Pumps be fixed at the Mill Bridge or some other places to be used in times of Fire " now Report —

That they have attended that service and are unanimously of opinion, that it will tend greatly for the preservation of the Towns & safety in a time of Fire to have two Pumps fixed at the Mill bridge, one on each side and two at the Draw bridge in the same manner. The Committee having viewed said Bridges & the Mill Creek find very convenient places where said Pumps may be fixed, without any inconvenience to the Inhabitants, or to Carriages passing over said Bridges one of which the Committee propose shall be in the House or Shed lately erected at the Mill Bridge for the new Engine given to the Town by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. John Hancock Esq. —

The Committee have also procured an estimate of the expence that will arise if the Town shall think proper to have said Pumps, and it will be about Seven Pounds lawful Money for each Pump, the whole charges of the Pump maker, Blacksmiths and Carpenters being included in this sum —

The Committee also Report that they Judge it necessary, another Pump about midway between the 1. Bridge on the Southwest side of the Creek should be fixed, as there are a great number of large Wooden [435.] Houses and Buildings in that Neighbourhood, & few of them have Wells and Pumps, and in case of a Fire thereabouts the chief supply of Water must be from the Creek, and if a Pump should be fixed there, it would prevent great destruction in a time of Fire, and this the Committee would recommend provided the Inhabitants and Proprietors of Houses who are near will at their own Expence fill up and keep in Repair the Passage Way belonging to the Town that leads to the place where this Pump is proposed to be fixed —

All which is submitted in the name of the Committee —

E. GOLDTHWAIT.

The foregoing Report having been read & considered it was Voted, the same be accepted, and that the Selectmen be directed to procure Pumps and fix them at the Places mentioned in the Report as soon as may be —

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday the 24. Instant 11. O'Clock A : M :