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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF ROXBURY:

BEING

A GENERAL STATEMENT

OF THE

FINANCES OF THE TOWN FOR 1845-6.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Roxbury.

GENTLEMEN:

At a Meeting of the Board of Engineers of the Roxbury Fire Department, on Friday evening, Jan. 30, 1846,—it was agreed, to recommend that the following sums of money be appropriated for the use of the Department, for the year 1846-7.

Engine Co. No. 1.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	68 50	673 50
Engine Co. No. 2.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	20 50	625 50
Engine Co. No. 3.	Pay of Foreman	12 00	
	Assistant Foreman	9 00	
	Clerk	12 00	
	Steward	35 00	
	35 Men at 6 00	210 00	278 00
Engine Co. No. 4.	Pay of Foreman	12 00	
	Assistant Foreman	9 00	
	Clerk	12 00	
	Steward	40 00	
	50 Men at 6 00	300 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	70 00	443 00
Engine Co. No. 5.	Pay of Foreman	9 00	
	Assistant Foreman	6 00	
	Clerk	9 00	
	Steward	30 00	
	35 Men at 4 00	140 00	
	Sundries asked for in their report	220 00	414 00
	Amount carried over,		2434 00
	Amount brought over,		2434 00
Engine Co. No. 6.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for by the Co.	25 00	630 00
Engine Co. No. 7.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	50 00	
	50 Men at 10 00	500 00	
	Sundries asked for by Company	5 00	610 00
Hook & Ladder Co.	Pay of Foreman	20 00	
	Assistant Foreman	15 00	
	Clerk	20 00	
	Steward	25 00	
	25 Men at 10 00	250 00	330 00
Engineers.	Pay of Chief Engineer	100 00	
	Six Assistants at 20 00	120 00	
	Secretary	15 00	235 00
N. B.	It was voted to request the Selectmen to ask the Town at the next March meeting, for liberty to pay <i>each</i> Assistant Engineer 20 00 per year, instead of the present unequal pay.		
Reservoirs.	For one on Jamaica Plain	500 00	
	Highlands	500 00	1000 00
Contingent Fund.	Contingencies for 1846-7		800 00
			6039 00

It will be seen by the above, that the wants of the Engine Companies this year are generally small. With the exception of No. 5, at Spring street, they need and should have immediately 300 feet of Hose; they have but 250 feet at the present time, and a part of that is very poor and totally unfit for hard service.

The Engines, Hooks and Ladders, and other apparatus belonging to the Department are in good condition, and have well organized and efficient companies attached to them, with the exception of

Engine No. 7, situated on Ruggles street. There is good reason to believe, that on or before the first of May, there will be found a sufficient number of men, who will feel disposed to form themselves into a company, and take charge of that noble Engine.

There have been fourteen fires the past year, and seven false alarms; the whole amount of property destroyed has been nearly or quite *one hundred and thirty thousand dollars*, and insured for about *eighty thousand*. The Board of Engineers have asked in their report, that the sum of 500 00 be appropriated for a reservoir on Jamaica Plain, to hold from fifteen to twenty thousand gallons, to be located near Green street; they also ask for the further sum of 500 00, for the same purpose on the Highlands. The population of both these places, is at the present time large, and increasing rapidly, and they think this subject should be attended to, and the appropriations made, and the work commenced as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,
EDWIN LEMIST, *Chief Engineer.*

TOWN REPORT.

Expenses of the Fire Department.

		DR.	
1845.	March 24	For cash paid W. G. Eaton, chief engineer	100 00
	April 11	“ “ “ “	400 10
	May 5	“ “ “ “	1484 70
	28	“ “ “ “	433 21
	July 3	“ “ “ “	444 22
	August 8	“ “ “ “	712 90
	16	“ “ “ “	26 43
	April 24.	Albert Brewer, for extra labor of No. 6, at the fire in Davis street, as per vote of the town	100 00
			4189 60

Sept. 22	For cash paid Edwin Lemist, chief engineer	48 06	
Oct. 7	“ “ “ “	670 78	
Nov. 8	“ “ “ “	97 51	
14	“ “ “ “	429 19	
18	“ “ “ “	103 25	
1846.	Jan. 8	“ “ “ “	290 20
	12	“ Wm. Whiting,	15 70
	Feb. 3	“ Edwin Lemist,	864 78
			2519 47
			6709 07

		CREDIT.	
1845.	March.	By appropriation as per vote to Engine Co. No. 6, for extra services, at the fire on Davis street	100 00
		Appropriation for sundry repairs and expenses of engines, apparatus, &c.	3000 00
		Amount voted to pay the members of the department, for services	3198 00
		Amount expended over appropriation	411 07
			6709 07

Synopsis of the Accounts of the Chief Engineers, viz.

Expended by Wm. G. Eaton, from March 20, to August 18, 1845.

For Engine No. 1	792 23
“ “ 2	320 43
“ “ 3	331 76
“ “ 4	628 07
“ “ 5	124 10
Amount carried over,	2196 59

Amount brought over,	2196 59
For Engine No. 6	580 77
“ “ 7	541 85
Hook and Ladder Co.	387 56
General contingencies	382 83
	4089 60

CR. By cash for Town Orders 4089 60

Expended by Edwin Lemist, from Aug. 18, 1845, to Feb. 1, 1846.

For Engine No. 1	301 29
“ “ 2	480 16
“ “ 3	158 92
“ “ 4	183 77
“ “ 5	130 50
“ “ 6	632 94
“ “ 7	293 17
Hook and Ladder	192 82
Board of Engineers	107 50
Incidentals	38 40
	2519 47

CR. By cash for Town Orders 2519 47

The several accounts made out by the Engineers are very minute and particular, specifying all the items, and showing how the money has been expended: they are very voluminous, and we thought it would not pay the expense to print them entire; but have endeavored to present a statement which will show the expenses of each Company. For any particular information, reference can be had by examining the accounts, which are filed with the other papers of the town.

An account of the Real and Personal Property of the Town of Roxbury, 1846.

ENGINE HOUSES, six in number, and situated as follows, viz:—

Eustis Street,	built of wood,
Centre Street,	“ “ “
Dudley Street,	“ “ “
Ruggles Street,	“ “ “
Jamaica Plain,	“ “ brick,
Spring Street,	“ “ wood.

SEVEN ENGINES, with Hose Carriages, suction and Leading Hose, with all the necessary apparatus attached to the same.

HOOKS AND LADDERS.

Selectmen's Report.

The expenses of the Fire Department has been increased the past year, the town having voted to pay each member a specific sum for his services; and also to furnish an additional quantity of new Hose: The whole amount expended has been 6,709 07—the amount voted by the town 6,298 00, thereby expending over the appropriation 411 07. All the Engines and apparatus are in excellent order, and most of the companies are well manned, and are ready to do their duty promptly; with good order and discipline in the department.

The report of the Chief Engineer, and the estimate of expenses

for the coming year, we have thought proper to print entire, showing the estimate for each company which is calculated to defray the expenses of the department the ensuing year.

Products and Branches of Industry.

Statistics of the condition and products of certain branches of industry in the Town of Roxbury, for the year ending April 1st, 1845, as taken by us, the Assessors, under an act of the Legislature of 1845.

One Manufactory for Fire Engines.—28	25000	24
Engines manufactured,.....		

Estimate of Moneys necessary for the Current Expenses of the Town of Roxbury, for 1846-7.

Repairs of Engines, contingent expenses of the Fire Department, pay of Engineers, Stewards and Members	5039 00
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The expenses of the Fire Department is put down as estimated by the Board of Engineers, the compensation of members (providing the companies are full,) and such contingent expenses as they have asked for, make up the amount.

Of Reservoirs, the Engineers have recommended two, at a cost

of five hundred dollars each, which we have put into the estimate. We trust that in no way can money be expended more judiciously, and be a greater preventive against large fires, than by building a number of Reservoirs every year, until they are located in every part of the Town where they are needed.