

*EXCERPTS FROM TOWN MEETINGS FROM 1861 THROUGH 1864:*

**May 3, 1861:**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the Treasurer of Attleborough be authorized to borrow the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be appropriated for Military purposes as far as required. That from the above sum those men who enlist in this Town and are called into actual service shall be paid in bounty of fifteen dollars (\$15) and fifteen dollars a month in addition to the sum to be paid by the United States; and that each man who is accepted for service shall be paid Ten dollars a month while drilling, and said shall be furnished such uniform as the Military Authorities require.*

*The Ladies of Attleboro wait only an opportunity of testifying their deep interest in the cause of freedom, and their earnest faith that our flag shall be kept un-sullied. They ignore that the present crisis has proved, beyond doubt, that brave, unselfish heroism still exists in our land, roused by no pulse of passion, but beating with the calm, determined will, that treachery has roused, and only victory shall appease: Their wishes and sympathies are with our brave troops, and in preparing clothing for those who go from their midst, they offer speedy, cheerful, and zealous hands. Abby W. Capron, Molina L. Capron, Mary J. Capron, Mrs. Angelina Daggett, Mrs. Lucy F. Daggett, Mrs. Sally Daggett, Mrs. Lydia M. Peck, Mrs. Rebecca C. Blackinton, Mrs. Mary D. Richardson, Harriot A. Blackinton, Miss Lizzie C. Blanding, Miss J.J. Shann, Miss Lissie W. Martin, Mrs. S. Allen, Mrs. C.F. Bronson, Miss Leizzie Thompson, Miss Mary M. Clutchy, Mrs. Chera M. Blackinton, Mrs. Lydia S. Bliss, Mrs. Ann J. Hodges, Miss Sabra C. Peck, Miss Sally N Peck, Mrs. Nancy N. Drown, Mrs. Sarah F. Drown, Miss Mary Wheelock, Mrs. Emily E. Cooper, Mrs. Clarissa Blackinton, Mrs. C. E. Blackinton, Mrs. P.F. Blackinton, Miss Belle Capron, Mrs. Sarah L. Kelly and Miss Mary Nerney.*

**September 5, 1861:**

*Voted that the Treasurer in anticipation of taxes to be lived in pursuant to the Act of the Legislation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May last, be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sufficient sum of money to enable the Selection of the Town to furnish aid to the wives and children of, and others dependent on, the Members of the Volunteer Militia who have been mustered or enlisted in the service of the United States, in the cases of authorized and provided by the said Acts of May last.*

**July 2, 1862:**

*Resolved, That we inhabitants of Attleborough fully appreciating the value of the free institutions under which have so long lived and prospered, and alive to dangers which threaten their existence and the dismemberment of the Republic, are ever ready to do our part in sustaining those institutions and transmitting them unimpaired to those who shall come after us.*

*Resolved, that we claim it our duty to take immediate measures to furnish the quota of volunteers for this town under the recent call of the President of the United States.*

*Therefore, Resolved, That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized and instructed to pay from the Treasury of the Town a bounty of One Hundred (\$100.00) to each and every person who shall enlist in this Town as a volunteer in the Service of the United States under the late call of the President, and shall be duly enrolled and accepted as such.*

*Resolved that the Treasurer of the Town be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300) for this purpose and to give his vote therefore.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Voted to authorize the payment of Fifteen Dollars bounty to those who enlisted from the Town to fill up Company I, Seventh Regiment in June 1861 if they are still in the service or have been honorably discharged.*

*6<sup>th</sup> Voted to choose a committee of nine, three from each part of the Town, to aid the Selectmen in recruiting 7<sup>th</sup> Committee chosen: Willard Blackinton, L.N. Dean, Ira M. Conant, E. Ira Richards, L. N. Daggett, Stephen Richardson, Elisha G. Ihag, H. H. W. Allen and Stephen A. Knight.*

**August 23, 1862:**

*Resolved: That we the Citizens of Attleboro in town meeting assembled do, highly appreciate the Military Services of the members of Co. I 7<sup>th</sup> Mass. Reg.; that we remember with gratitude that they promptly responded to the call of our country, when the shrill clarion: of war sounded to arms for the purpose of crushing out a wicked rebellion. Resolved That we hold in grateful remembrance the sacrifices which they made when they left behind them the loved ones at home, And all the endearing associates that cluster around the domestic alter And exchange these comforts and pleasures for the stern duties of the camp and the battle field. Resolved. That we hold said Company in grateful remembrance and that we will do what we can by all influence and means to encourage their hearts and awaken in their bosoms the true fire of patriotism, which they rightfully inherit from a noble ancestry. Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the acting Captain of Company I and published in the Taunton Gazette.*

**April 6, 1883:**

*Voted to abate the taxes remaining unpaid against volunteers in the service.*

*Article 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voted that the Selectmen of the Town furnish aid to the families of drafted men as provided in Chapter 176 of the Acts of the Legislature, approved April 23, 1863.*

**May 24, 1864:**

*2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted to reimburse to those persons who have contributed money in and of and for the purpose of providing the quota of volunteers under the Order of the President of the United States for \$200,000 additional men, dated February 1, 1864; who have heretofore or may hereafter, under the same to be paid by the Treasurer of the town to the Recruiting Committee for the purpose of filling the quota under the last call of the President for additional men.*

*3<sup>rd</sup>. Voted that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow a different sum of money on temporary loan, and give the notes of the Town there for, to cover the amount this city voted to be reimbursed to the subscribers to the fund used in filling the quota of the town under the call of the President for additional troops, dated February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864.*

**August 2, 1864**

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Voted that the Town raise a sum of money not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per man to procure the quota of the town under the last call of the President of the United States, dated July 18<sup>th</sup> 1864 for 500,000 more troops.*

*3<sup>rd</sup>. Voted that the sum of money necessary to carry the above vote into effect be assessed in the amount of tax of 1864 and the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of receipts from the same.*

**November 17, 1864:**

*Report from the Recruiting Committee*

*To the inhabitants of Attleborough:*

*The undersigned, five of the Committee of six appointed by oath of the town to fill its quota under the call of the President of the United States of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1864 have attended to that service and report as follows:*

*The committee finding it impossible to obtain recruits at home ? at most exorbitant prices, and hearing that there was a prospect of obtaining them at Washington and vicinity at very low rates, met and chose Mr. George D Hatch and Dr. J.R. Bronson as a sub-committee and as agents of the town to proceed to Washington at once, and recruit out town's quota from the best terms possible.*

*At this meeting it was voted to pay Hatch and Bronson their travel expenses and other proper expenses, and a reasonable compensation per day for their services; and Messers Hatch and Bronson accepted the proposal; and proceeded at once to Washington.*

*Hatch and Bronson meeting will have little success in Washington on account of an order issued by the Secretary of War forbidding agents from the States from recruiting in the District of Columbia; Dr. Bronson returned home. Shortly thereafter Hatch learned of an opportunity of obtaining men at the front at a very low price and of securing a pass, he proceeded at once to the front-Army of the Potomac then at Petersburg.*

*At the front he at first engaged 60 men and had them mustered into the service of Attleborough and entered into renegotiations for other men. On his return from the front to Washington, he telegraphed the committee to send him \$9,000 at the Kirkwood House, Washington which was raised by the committee and sent him July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1864 and he had the money on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. Hatch then came home, and subsequently made three other trips out on the business of recruiting soldiers.*

*On his return from the first trip, Mr. Hatch reported the number of men, he had obtained, and that the cost would be about \$90 per man, but that he was unable to state an account of some unsettled bills.*

*The Committee was unable to obtain from Mr. Hatch any proposition from a settlement until after his return from the third trip. He then presented to the committee an account charging the town \$200 for each of the men obtained at the Front, and a detailed account of the cost of those*

*men obtained at Washington and his expenses up to the time he left Washington for the Front, and his return expenses from Washington to Attleborough. Saying that he considered himself an agent of the town, up to the time he left for the Army of the Potomac and that after leaving fro the Front, he was acting on his own account.*

*The Committee having ascertained from another source and subsequently from Mr. Hatch , that the price the men about \$125 each, and not ? that he was a mere agent of the employ of this town up to the time when he was about to go on his second trip. When he gave notice of going out on his own accord and refused to settle with him upon the terms of \$200 for each man, and his expenses, ?, and insisted upon a ? account from him of the payments to the men, and his expenses in obtaining them properly ?*

*Mr. Hatch and Mr. Bronson engaged the three men at Washington by paying \$475 for the three men. After Mr. Bronson's return and after Mr. Hatch's going under a pass to the Front he obtained on his first trip 72 men, of whom 65 were paid by Mr. Hatch the sum of \$125 each, and under ? circumstances, which it is not necessary to relate here, seven of the men cost nothing, thus making out as paid to the 65 soldiers themselves \$8,125.00.*

*Before starting out on his second trip, Mr. Hatch, as before stated, misinformed that he was going out on his own account, and we understood that he no longer acted for the town as sub-committee; and we that is of the committee employed him to obtain as many soldiers for the town as he could at the agreed price of not to exceed \$200 per man. Upon his return he reported three ore soldiers for this town, but since informed us that two of them were really engaged after the first trip, thus leaving but one man engaged upon the \$200 contract—two of them belonging to the above list of 72 men.*

*On starting on his third trip, we agreed with Mr. Hatch to put in 10 more men and allow him not exceeding \$225 per man and he recruited three men under that arrangement, thus making in all paid to 68 soldiers. Seven more men asking nothing and four more at said contract five at \$875, the sum total of \$7,475.*

*It is proper here to ? that at each of the above named three trips, Mr. Hatch obtained soldiers for several towns in this Commonwealth besides Attleboro, and he informed your committee; at that price and profit may probably be material when the account of his services and expenses could be adjusted. Now Mr. Hatch claims \$16,075 besides about \$400 for Sunday expenses from which of course, is to be deducted the \$9,000 sent to him by the committee. Thus, leaving a balance due to him as he, Mr. Hatch claims of about \$7,371.*

*Mr. Hatch having received of the committee as before stated the sum of \$9,000, sent of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July , if he be allowed \$175 per contract, for the last four soldiers, there remains due to him a balance of \$475 and his reasonable expenses and for his services.*

*After being passed by the five of your committee, Mr. Hatch presented an account, not in very good shape, as your committee thought, at the same time saying that he claimed ten to twelve hundred dollars more for services, but not returning that item to wording or putting any item for*

*services into the account or bill. A copy of his account or bill is herein to (annexed?). Mr. Hatch, although requested has never furnished to us a single voucher.*

*He said when he presented his bill that he had vouchers, but afterwards, when we called him at his house he declined to produce them.*

*The committee are of opinion that they had no power from the town to allow money to Mr. Hatch, as though, he were a substitute broker except possibly as to the four members contracted for as above stated, and ? declined to allow his account.*

*Your committee insisted to Mr. Hatch and still must that Mr. Hatch should exhibit an account of the sums actually paid to soldiers enlisted for this town, and produce reasonable statements in writing by himself and vouchers of his expenses, and a reasonable bill for his services (pending?) from which the \$9000 sent to him should be delivered and that he should be allowed the balance from the Treasury of the town.*

*The claim made by Mr. Hatch is so in violation of the agreement made by your committee with him as a sub-committee or agent for the town, and ? , in the opinion of the committee, and he is so persistent in that claim, that all hope of your committee allowing him any such sum as a balance due to him that he will accept is utterly hopeless, and your committee refer back the matter to the town for their consideration and disposal.*

*H.K. Richardson, E.C Robinson, J.A Perry, C. P. Daggett and J.R. Bronson*

**November 17, 1864:**

*The undersigned, one of a committee of three chosen by the town hear 16<sup>th</sup> 1866 to assist the Selectmen of the town, and to fully investigate the matter of deficiency of the events of the quota of the town, attended to that duly, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June succeed in filling the quota and three over. Since then, June 12, myself and Dr. Bronson were sent to Washington to secure men in anticipation of another call clearly expected. ? with but from success, after a stay of two weeks in Washington, we decided to give up our efforts and return home.*

*We did return, and I as agreed upon with him, remained for a day or to complete the enlistment of two men who we had partly negotiate for, but had not fully secured, when I was to return myself; but on the eve of my returning. The communications home were stopped by the rebels, and it became unsafe to attempt to come. While waiting for a chance to come home, I'm confronted with another person (1) got information that led us to think that by going to the Front, near Petersburg, we could probably obtain get men to enlist to the ? of Massachusetts.*

*Being left alone by my colleagues, with the understanding that I was not to make any specific efforts to get more men (2) I thought I was not ? in going there as a committee of the town, but in view of the importance of making a ? effort to get men for the town, I made an arrangement with him to go to the Front and what could be effected.*

*After reaching the Front, with his assistance I got 60 men enlisted to this town, (3) and mainly with the funds he provided paid the expenses of obtaining them.*

*I have charged only the ? actually ?, together with a fair compensation for the extraordinary service I performed in obtaining the men. As I did at a cost less from fifty to one hundred dollars for men than any party was able to do. And under a bargain made by the committee, have visited the Front three times subsequently (4) as on my own account and obtained 16 men more to the credit of Attleboro, at a price agreed upon with the committee. Having filled the growth of the tow, I have tried every honorable way to effect a settlement with the Selectmen and the committee. I have offered to leave out disinterested parties, to be mutually chosen by us. The points in dispute, promise ?, often to investigation of the whole matter to abide by the verdict, so that the committee could make a unanimous report—to the town of all the doings of the committee for their action thereon.*

*Failing to come to any terms except by entire submission to the demands of the majority of the committee they by their action seeming to repudiate all my rights, I have been made to settle with them, and they have called the town together to take the matter in hand. The report of which I had a copy sent me yesterday is full of misrepresentations and is a ? attempt to ? ? pubic opinion against me.*

*Relying on the ? of my intentions and my actions in various duties, I have performed both as a public servant and as a humble civilian. I have only to repeat what I have often said before. I am willing to meet any committee chosen by the town who will meet me as an agent and to settle the whole matter or I will leave it out to some impartial reference, or if needs be to the ? of a court and jury of my countrymen*

*Respectfully submitted, Geo' D Hatch*

1. *Wilfred White*
2. *Dr. Bronson stated in town meeting "there was no such misunderstanding"*
3. *The Committee learned from Mr. Hatch that he and Mr. White obtained 139 men at that time. 60 of which went to the credit of Attleboro;*
4. *The Committee did not bargain with him to visit the Front the three times specified, but Mr. Hatch stating that he was going on his own account. The Committee did agree with him to put in men to Attleboro (see Majority report)*
5. *The facts upon which the Majority Report is based, were obtained mostly from Mr. H. himself.*

*The Recruiting Committee of the Town of Attleboro  
To Geo D. Hatch, Dr.*

*1864, July 18<sup>th</sup>*

<i>To: cash paid as town bounty to 60 men at \$125 cash,</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Wilfred White, as per agreement \$37.50 each</i>	<i>\$2,250</i>
<i>Officer as a gift for assistance ? ?</i>	<i>\$150</i>
<i>As may have to make up a loss to the State ?</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Rev G McLemin for legal service and assistance</i>	<i>\$150</i>
<i>James G Benedick for services</i>	<i>\$50</i>

To	cash paid Ensign Kelly for assistance and services	\$50
	Captain W. H Emmons	\$27
	for expenses incurred and to the men on their way up and in Washington	\$250
	Soldiers and others for services as guides and scouts, and	
	For horses for my use at the Front	\$65
	Mr. Reynolds for services performed	\$35
	Mr. Dennis expenses	\$15
	Mr. Clark for services received	\$5
	For carriage hire	\$26
	For telegrams	\$24
	Expenses incurred in obtaining the evidence of the enlistment and Of 37 men at Gen. Sheridan's front	<u>\$135</u>
		\$11,902

*My time and personal service from Jul 12<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup> and in September In journey to Sheridan's front; Cash paid in exchange on checks and money \$25.77*

*The Recruiting Committee of Attleborough  
To Geo D hatch, Dr.*

*September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1866*

*To sixteen men re-enlisted and placed in the credit of the quota of the town as per agreement with the committee at \$225 each \$3,600*

*The following Resolutions were unanimous by adopted at Town Meeting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1864.*

*Whereas, upon hearing of the report of the doings of the Recruiting Committee, we the inhabitants of Attleboro, are convinced that the terms of the settlement offered by the Committee to Geo Hatch are correct and just and should be satisfactory to him; therefore, Resolved, That the town do approve the acts of the Recruiting Committee in requiring Mr. Hatch a settlement upon the basis contained in their report, made this day to the town, as being in accordance with the contracts said committee made with him as subcommittee, and thereby instructed their Committee to make no compromise or concessions to obtain a settlement except upon the basis contained in the report this day submitted to the town.*

*Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed to borrow no money or issue notes of the town except by approval of the Selectmen.*

*A true copy of proceedings*

*Attest: HN Richardson, Town Clerk*

***April 17, 1865:***

*The committee appointed to audit the accounts of Geo H. Hatch vs Recruiting committee report that they have attended to that duly so far as theirs limited time would permit and repor that Mr.*

*Hatch having modified his claims agreeable to his position herewith submitted an the committee believing it to be for the ? interest of the town to pay Mr. Hatch the account claimed recommended that the town pay the same  
S Knight Chairman of the Com Proposal*

*Attleboro, April 17, 1865*

*Stephen A Knight Esq. Chairman of the Auditing Committee chosen by the Town April 3, 1865. For the purpose of setting the claims I have for recruiting seventy nine men to the quota of this town and to avoid any future contention or litigation on the subject and in accordance with the suggestion of your committee.*

*Thereby offer to accept the sum of Twelve thousand four hundred and eleven dollars and fifty cents in full satisfaction for said claims, and you are authorized to make any use of this communication you see fit in any report you may make to the Town in reference to said claims, and you are authorized to make any use of this communication you see fit and any report you may make to the Town in reference to said claim.*

*Yours respectfully, George D. Hatch*

*Continuance*

*On receipt of the forgoing report the Town voted to commit the whole matter to the Auditing Committee instructions to make a detailed report. Voted to add LW Dagget, SS Gimodo, LW Dean to said committee. Voted that if 5 or more of the committee shall agree on the amount due Mr. Hatch they are hereby authorized to settle the account when we adjourn.  
Voted, to adjourn this meeting to four weeks from this day at 2 p.m.*

**May 15, 1865:**

*Committee for auditing account of Geo D Hatch. ? Treasurer made the following report, vis*

*“Report”*

*The committee appointed by the town to investigate the matters in dispute between the recruiting committee George D Hatch Esq, have attended to that duty and submit the following report.*

*It appeared in evidence before the committee that at a meeting o the recruiting committee of the town holden about the middle of June 1864, George D Hatch Esq suggested for the consideration of its members, that as he had been informed, men were being obtained at Washington, or in the vicinity, at much lower rate than we were paying for them, and that it might be expedient to make an effort to recruit our quota in that locality. After deliberation the recruiting committee came to the conclusion that it was expedient to send agents abroad on this mission of recruiting and voted that such agents should have their expenses paid the allowed a reasonable compensation by the day while engaged in such services. In future prosecution of this ? of operations, Geo D Hatch, ESQ and Dr. G R Bronson wee appointed a subcommittee or*

agents of the recruiting committee to perform this work, accepted the appointment and the above conditions and left immediately for Washington to action upon the discharge of these important duties. Unfortunately however and not in consequence of any fault on the part of the agents, their efforts were not crowned with any considerable success, and after spending some two weeks or more in expectations to recruit in that vicinity. Dr. Bronson returned leaving Mr. Hatch to finish the work commanded jointly by them. This was soon completed and as the result of ? efforts three men were obtained at a cost of about \$771.55. We paid the men as bounty \$475- expenses as agents \$236.55. Mr. Hatch 20 days, some at \$3 per day.

This bill the recruiting committee allowed without the least hesitation all parties so far appeared ready to abide by these obligations to which they mutually agreed. Very soon after Mr. Bronson left Washington Mr. Heath learned that more could be obtained at Gen Meads front on much better terms than elsewhere and proceeded, then on a tip obtained from Ensign Kelly at the instance of a member of our recruiting committee, for the purpose of recruiting men to fill our quota.

He was very successful in his efforts, obtained sixty men and took them up to Washington. He sent a telegraph dispatch to the recruiting committee for \$9,000 in funds to pay the bounties to the men enlisted, received the money forthwith, paid the men had them credited to Attleboro and very soon after returned. The Recruiting Committee me Mr. Hatch on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July and endeavored to obtain the cost of the men, but the information was not imparted from him to them, as he said some bills of these unpaid and consequently he could not be exact, though he thought the men would not cost over one hundred and ninety or two hundred dollars each. He also informed the committee on this occasion that he should immediately return again to Washington, and should undoubtedly find some other men enlisted for Attleboro as the results made by him on his first trip.

During this interview, Mr. Hatch informed the Recruiting Committee that when he went again to Washington, she should go on his own account and not as the agent of the committee. He very soon after left and on his arrival found twelve men enlisted for Attleboro, encouraged of his efforts during his first visit as he informed the committee would probably be the case.

It appeared in evidence during the investigation that at this meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, the recruiting committee supporting the representations made by Mr. Hatch as to the cost of the sixty men, even ? did arrange with him to put ten or twelve more men to the credit of the town, at a cost of not more than two hundred dollars per man.

During the absence of Mr. Hatch on this journey, the committee learned he had paid a bounty to the sixty men already obtained, only the sum of \$125 dollars, each. On his return from the second visit he made the same admission in regard to the 60, which he had previously been obtained for the town and also said five of the twelve obtained before July twenty three, cost one hundred twenty five each and seven who had been ? with by other parties cost nothing. No personal bounty was paid the ? by Mr. Hatch.

*Mr. Hatch admitted these points in his testimony before the investing committee. On his return from this journey Mr. Hatch was prepaid by the committee for a settlement, but was not ready prepared to render any satisfactory income for his expenses or voucher of the same.*

*This motion stood when it became evident that far more men would be needed and the committee agreed with Mr. Hatch, to put in ten more men at a cost not exceeding two hundred and twenty five dollars per man. Four of these he enlisted and the bill was allowed by the committee according to the contract.*

*It appeared during the investigation of this subject that the members of the recruiting committee had endeavored most ? together at all times the obligations into which they had entered with Mr. Hatch.*

*Mr. Hatch presented claims against the recruiting committee amount to the sum of sixteen thousand and four hundred sixty one dollars -\$16,471.75.*

*The investigating committee were convinced by the testimony of Mr. Hatch and the members of the committee and the agreements made by them that he should receive from them or the town the following sums to wit for three men recruited by Mr. Hatch and Dr. Bronson the amount of \$771.55. The sixty men recruited by Mr. Hatch prior to July 23/04--\$125 each \$7,500. To the sum Mr. Hatch is unquestionably entitled were the conditions of the agreement between him and the recruiting committee and the investigating committee are unanimously of the opinion that Mr. Hatch is also entitled to receive such additional sums as would pay his expenses while engaged in this work of recruiting for the town, and also allow him a reasonable compensation for all the time spent in such service or in ? ? to render such service efficient.*

*How much such additional sum should be, your committee are unable to determine since Mr. Hatch refused to him them any account of his expenditures or of the time he was exclusively employed in this work, all of which is respectfully submitted.*

*Attleboro, May 15, 1865 L.H. Daggett, for the investigating committee*

*Voted to receive the report of the committee*

*Voted to adopt the report of the committee*

*Voted that the selectmen be instructed to order the balance of money was \$7,272.11 remaining in the hands of Geo I Hatch former Treasurer to be paid to the new Treasurer, forthwith, and ? immediately com? With by Mr. Hatch that they be further introduced to mean a legal demand upon the ? bond for the deficiency without delay.*

*Voted to continue the investigating committee with bonds to make a final settlement with Mr. Hatch if a majority of said committee shall agree with Mr. Hatch upon the amount due.*

*Voted to adjourn Attest Willard Blackinton, Town Clerk*

**October 14, 1865**

*Proceeding of Town Meeting*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Voted that the town defend against the action of the contract (without any declaration inserted therein) brought by George D Hatch against the Town of Attleboro, and that the Selection be instructed to employ Ellis Ames Esq to appear in court on behalf of the town.*

**May 4, 1868:**

*Amended as follows, and*

*Voted that all honorably discharged members of Company I, Seventh Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer who were or are citizens of Attleboro and who enlisted in the Services of the United States prior to May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1861 and the widows, fathers and mothers of any of said soldiers who died in said service be paid the balance due each of them for their first three months service, agreeable to a vote of the Town and the law of the State passed May 23, 1861.*

*On motion of FG. Whitney. It was voted that a Committee of three be appointed by this meeting to ascertain who these members are, also the amounts due them and that Charles ? and John L. Thayer be included among said members.*

*Voted that the Committee be appointed by nomination of L W Deare, J. R Bronson and C. N. Dagget were nominated and by vote declared elected.*