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among other things a complete survey of all the disputed ground being made, the central portion (Auditorium, Prospect Park, Hotel Onset, Wharf, and Camp Ground) being surveyed with instruments of precision by a professional surveyer, Mr. House, while the shore front and Waban Grove were surveyed by the Secretary. All the data of this survey was plotted on an accurate copy of the plan of Onset filed at Plymouth by the Association in '78, (?) this work being undertaken by Mr. House and completed in January of the present year. In connection with the question of survey of the Camp Ground, the following resolution passed unanimously at a special meeting of the Executive Committee, Oct 6 '97 by the seven members present (the President Mr. Rankin, unavoidably absent) was noted, -

Resolved that the "Camp Ground" is not to be included in our action at law for the determination and securing of our common rights and interests in "the shore front

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other parks, and the ways of Onset" unless, - our counsel, (Mr. Kingman), shall declare the said "Camp Ground" to be in some sense parkland or that the public have rights in ways across it and therefore that it properly is included in said action, or unless he shall declare that it would weaken said action not to include the said "Camp Ground" therein.

Resolved that the Secretary inform Mr. Kingman of these resolutions."

The passage of the above resolution clearly shows the good faith of the League in seeking only its rights and not wanton injury of the association.

Previous steps toward completing the data and evidence to be employed in the actual trial have occupied up to the present time, but the commencement of the legal action through the courts is set for this summer.

Some remarks were then made in regard to funds for the action on the shore fronts, and our strength in this direction noted

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as well as our reasonable and just expectation of any further support that might prove necessary.

The resignation of Henry B. Foulk Sept 23 '97, and our loss by death of James W. Harris in June of this year, was finally noted, thereby closing the report.

After reading abstracts of the last (23rd) Annual Report of the Onset Bay Grove Association, discussion of this and of various minor Matters, the meeting then adjourned.

Saturday July 23, 1898 - Second Regular Meeting of '98

The Second Regular Meeting of the year in accord with the amended Constitution was to have been held this evening at 8 P.M. in Hook & Ladder Hall, due notice having been given the members, but there being no business to transact a quorum was not present and, after informal discussion those present adjourned.

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Saturday Aug 13, 1898 - Third Regular Meeting of '98

The third regular meeting was held this evening in accordance with the amended Constitution, the meeting being held in Hook & Ladder Hall commencing at 8-15 P.M. The reading of the journal being first in order the Secretary read the record of the First and Second Regular meetings of this year, which were approved as correct. The report of the Executive Committee being next in order, the names of the following applicants for membership were presented, with their approval - W.A. Bennet, Fred M. Dennie, Mrs. M.W. Lehman, Mrs. Susan G. Nash, Mr. Fred J. Palmer and Mrs. M.E. Welch. It was moved, duly seconded and voted that the applicants be voted in collectively. It was then moved, duly seconded and voted that the Secretary be directed to cast one ballot electing the said W.A. Bennet, Fred M. Dennie, Mrs. M.W. Lehman, Mrs. Susan G. Nash, Mr. Fred J. Palmer and Mrs. M.E. Welch all members of the Onset Protective League, which was accordingly done.

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The fiscal year having ended Aug 1st and a new fiscal year beginning, the Executive Committee submitted the report of the Treasurer in General Account with the League as follows -

	Receipts		Expenditures
Membership fees		Printing to M.M. Copeland	\$12.75
(36 members)	\$18.00	Copying statement for press	
		to F.H. Cilley	\$4.00
Cash on hand Aug			
10 '98	\$.25	Distribution of hand bills to	

<u> </u> \$18.25	J.W. Baker	<u>\$1.00</u> \$17.75
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In addition it was explained that the Treasurer had duly reported the Executive Committee a special account of the Executive Committee with Subscribers for action on shore fronts etc at Onset. It was pointed out that by the terms of the subscription "the said money to be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee (officers and committee above) of the said League and to be expended by them in taking suitable action in defence of our common rights and interests in the shore fronts, other parks, and the ways of Onset", this subscribed money is not the League's money nor is it in any way subject to its disposal. This is a special fund created by individuals in many instances not members of the league, placed, not in the hands of the League but in the hands of certain of its members, and finally applisk not to any work, even of the League, but only to a certain

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clearly defined end. As to the use of this fund, those in whose hands it has been placed, (the Executive Committee), are strictly accountable to the subscribers, but to them only and as such, and not to the League as an organization. Therefore the Executive Committee, considering that pending the settlement of the action in which this fund is to be employed, publication of details concerning it would neither be discreet nor advisable, would not at present make any report to the League in respect to this portion of the Treasurer's statement, but individual subscribers desiring information in this connection, on application to the Committee would be given full staisfaction.

This completed the regular business of the meeting but the Secretary in addition presented certain lettewrs from counsel in explanation of the delay of the in commencing action in the courts for the determination of the title in the shore fronts etc., and further gave extracts of the records of assessment by the town of Wareham of buildings and land involved in the present question. It was pointed out that none of the shore front proper had ever been assessed in spite of the fact

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that the Onset Bay Grove Association collected a rent of \$.50 per running foot per year for bath houses on it. And parkland had only been assessed in so

far as it was actually occupied by rentable buildings, and not even then in every instance the Assessors explaining that all such land they had regarded as public and therefore exempt.

Various other interesting points were brought up and discussed, the meeting then adjourned.

Saturday Aug 27, 1898

Annual Meeting of '98

The Annual Meeting and election of officers was held in accordance with the amended Constitution Art iV Sec 1, and Art III Sect 1. this evening at 8 P.M. in Hook & Ladder Hall. Notice had been given all members of the place of meeting and the importance of their being present indicated.

The meeting was called to order with the President Mr. Rankin in the chair. The reading of the record of the third regular meeting was first in order and, having been completed and approved

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the Secretary, under head of a sub-committee report, after calling attention to the fact that the election of officers for the coming year would be the chief business of the evening proceeded to briefly summarize the work done by the present Executive Committee from the inception of the League to the present date. It was shown that all instructions of the League to its Executive Committee had been carried out in full as far as lay in their power, the only incomplected action being the action in the courts for the protection of our common rights and interests in the shore fronts - - etc., directed at the last special meeting of the preceeding year. It was pointed out that this action lay only partly in the Committee's control that the delay was largely due to preparatory work, but partly to other most pressing demands on the time of our counsel. The Committee believed it had faithfully rendered its services and trusted they were approved by the League. Any further information desired concerning its action, was offered, but there being no inquires, the next regular business, action on the

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application for membership, of Andrew P. Wlcott of Eighth St., recommeded by the Committee, was next taken up. It was moved, duly seconded and voted that the Secretary be authorized to cast one ballot for the

assembly electing Mr. Walcott a member of the Onset Protective League, which was accordingly done.

The election of officers being next in order, it was moved, duly seconded and voted that a committee of three be appointed to make nominations. The President accordingly appointed F.H. Cilley, Geo. W. Nickerson and D.J.H. Camp such a committee. The committee unanimously agreed, on the proposition of its last two members to return all members of the existing Executive Committee without change, on the score that they had acquitted themselves satisfactorily and that it was not advisable to make changes while the main action of the League, commenced by that Committee remained unfinished. But the Executive Committee being entitled to one more committee member at large, or four in all the name of Dr. J.L. Wyman

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a most faithful and regular attendant of the meetings of the League and one in whose fairness and judgement full confidence was felt, was added to the list. The nominating committee then announced its nominations as follows -

For President Wm. Rankin.

" Vice President Edgar Welch

" Secretary F.H. Cilley

" Asst. Secretary S.J. Smith

" Treasurer Geo. W. Rowlock

" Committee members at large

E.R. Wendemuth, J.W. Baker, M.M. Copeland and J.L. Wyman.

No other nominations being made at large it was moved, duly seconded, and unanimously voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the League electing the above nominees officers and committee of the League for ensuing year which was accordingly done. in this connection it is of interest to note that, while the result was unanimous for the eighteen votes present, it was definitely known that a number of those not present had expressed their approval of the

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reelection of the old board for the ensuing year so that the result undoubtedly meets the approval of nearly if not quite all members of the league.

Following the elections various matters were discussed and finally it was moved, duly seconded and voted that the League approved the proposal that the

President should appoint a special committee, to act if possible with a similar committee from the Onset Board of Trade, with a view of securing a reduction of insurance rates corresponding to the increased facilities for quelling and controlling fires possessed by Onset in its water works and fire company. No further business being before the meeting it was then Adjourned.

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Saturday July 8, 1899

The first Regular Meeting of the year in accord with the amended Constitution was to have been held this evening at 8 P.M. in the Hook & Ladder Hall. Owing to delay in receipt of circulars due notice was not given and there was not a quorum present. Six members of the Executive Committee were present, however, and it was decided to a special public meeting for Friday night July 14th by issue of circulars.

Friday July 14th, 1899

Special Public Meeting

By order of the president a special public meeting was called for this evening through the circular appended. The meeting, which was well attended was called to order by the president who explained its purpose. The Secretary read a summary of the events of the past four years which led to the formation and present action of the League, read extracts from the File of information and explained the present situation. The president gave further explanation which was followed by statements by many of those present and the production of new and valuable evidence. The

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Circular -

To the People of Onset

Greeting and Notice: -

That the Executive Committee of The Onset Protective League, in pursuance of the directions of the members of the League, and for the protection of public rights and interests in Onset, have secured the action of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through a "bill of information," in behalf

of the public of Onset, against the Onset Bay Grove Association because of their misuse of the shore fronts and other park lands of Onset, to the injury of public rights and interests in these lands; and it is desired and requested that the public ensure the securing of the rights set forth in the said bill by the presentation of all evidence in their possession, such as advertisements, circulars, pamphlets, notices, etc., and all personal testimony tending to the establishment of the public rights and interests in the shore fronts and other park lands. Such documents and evidence should be communicated at once by all persons possessing them and having in their hearts the preservation of their rights and welfare of Onset, to the Onset Protective League, its officers or its counsel, Hosea Kingman of Bridgewater, who have charged themselves with the collection and presentation of all such evidence in behalf of the public. The League already possesses extensive evidence of the public's rights in all the matters at issue, but as the present will be the last opportunity for the correction [balance of circular context]

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Saturday July 22, 1899

Second Regular Meeting

The Second Regular meeting of the League was held, in accordance with the Constitution, at the date above in Hook & Ladder Hall. A quorum being present the records of the Annual Meeting of the preceeding year and of the Public meeting of July 14th of this year were read and approved. After various remarks by the President and others present the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday Aug 12, 1899

Third Regular Meeting

The Third Regular meeting of the League was held at the above date in Hook & Ladder Hall, The records of the preceeding meeting were read and approved, then the Treasurer's Report of the General Account of the League for the fiscal year 1898-99 ending Aug 1st and showing a balance of cash on hand of \$7.55 was read, approved and accepted. Notice was given of two proposed Amendments of the Constitution for action

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at the Annual Meeting, the first an addition to Art III Section 4, requiring a bond of the treasurer, the second, of article IV section 3 requiring notice of

special meetings of the League to be given in writing in advance to the secretary. There being no further business after some discussion the meeting adjourned.

Saturday Aug 26 1899
Annual Meeting of '99

The Annual Meeting and election of officers was held in accordance with the Constitution Art IV Sect. 1 and Art.III Sect 1 this evening at 8 P.M. in Hook & Ladder Hall. Written notice had been given all members and the importance of their presence indicated.

The meeting was called to order with the President Mr. Rankin in the chair. After the record of the third regular meeting had been read and approved and the secretary had read a brief resume of the Executive Committee's work for the past year the League proceeded

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to act upon the proposed amendments to article III section 4 and article II section 3 of the constitution, of which notice had been given at the preceeding meeting

It was moved by Mr. Cilley and duly seconded that article III section 4 of the Constitution be amended by the addition of the words, "The treasurer shall be required to furnish a bond of not less than Five Hundred Dollars, satisfactory to the Executive Committee." After explanation of the propriety of such a clause, that it was customary in all societies and was in no wise a reflection on the incumbant of the office the motion was put and passed unanimously. The President then declared it adopted.

An amendment of Article IV section 3 was then moved by Mr. Cilley and duly seconded, but in the discussion objected to ask inbiguous and voted down, and then the following amendment by addition to Article IV section 3 "Written notice shall be given all members by the secretary and except during the months of July

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and August such notice shall be given one week in advance" was moved by Mr. Cilley duly seconded, discussed, put and unanimously passed. The President then declared it adopted.

The next business before the meeting was the election of officers. Mr. Macy moved that the secretary be empowered to cast one ballot for the League electing the old board of officers to the same office for the coming year. This motion having been duly seconded and there being no discussion was put to vote and passed unanimously. The President declared the motion passed and directed the secretary to prepare and cast a ballot accordingly. The Secretary prepared the ballot as follows

President, Wm. Rankin	Vice Pres. Edgar Welch
Secretary F.H. Cilley	Asst. Secy. S.J. Smith
Treas. Geo. W. Rowlock	
Committee	

J.W. Baker E.R. Wendemuth M.M. Copeland J.L. Wyman
and reading it declared that in accordance with the motion of the League he cast one ballot for the league for the names as read for officers for the ensuing year. The president

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therefore declared Wm. Rankin as President, Edgar Welch as Vice President, F.H. Cilley as Secretary, S.J. Smith as Asst. Secy., Geo. W. Rowlock as Treas. and J.W. Baker, E.R. Wendemuth, M.M. Copeland and J.L. Lyman as Committee members all duly elected for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Mr. Cilley, duly seconded and unanimously voted "that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of two to examine into the question of the publication of the constitution and by-laws and that they be authorized to decide on the publication of the Constitution and By-laws conjointly with the President if they think that desirable." The President appointed F.H. Cilley and Edgar Welch a committee of two to act in accordance with the above resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Cilley "that the President be instructed to appoint a committee of two to make any necessary arrangements with respect to the place of holding the hearings (on the park case Sept 7+8th and later) including an agreement with the Onset Bay Grove Assoc. on the matter." The action was duly seconded and unanimously passed and Mr. Cilley and Mr. Wendemuth were appointed by the President on the committee. After some further discussion the meeting was then duly adjourned.

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Mrs. Nellie Robbins - Treasurer
Edith G. Johnson - Secretary
Miss Evelyn Savage - Wareham
Miss Carrie Fought - (south)
Mrs. Agnes Cahoon
Mrs. Marjory Besse - (south)
Mrs. Florence Ottke
Mr. Ernie Loeb
Mrs. George Blakely
Mr. Frank Robbins
Mrs. Ruth Robbins
Mrs. Annie Adams
Mr. Lloyd Robbins - (not here)
Mr. Samuel Eldridge
Mrs. Sara Tyler - (away)
Miss Elsie Pearl

All present would present a quorum I believe. as eleven was a quorum on
October 17, 1937

7 members Constitution