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2/27/1840	Special Legislation	Acts of 1840 Chapter 9	Protection of Shellfish (Essex added to MGL Chapter 55, Section 13)
3/13/1879	Special	Acts of 1879 Chapter 119	Protection of Fisheries in Mill River
2/13/1880	Special Legislation	Acts of 1880 Chapter 12	Bounty Payment to re-enlisted Soldiers credited to Essex Quota during Civil War
3/6/1885	TM 3/6/1885	Acts of 1885 Chapter 60	Grand Army Posts - Lease of Public Buildings
3/13/1888	Special	Acts of 1888 Chapter 126	Protection of Shad Fisheries in Mill River
4/19/1892	Special Legislation	Acts of 1892 Chapter 176	Establishment of Boundary Line in Tide Water between Gloucester, Essex and Ipswich
5/3/1892	TM 5/28/1890	Acts of 1890 Chapter 347	Library Trustees
2/21/1893	Special	Acts of 1893 Chapter 36	Regulation of Alewives
5/13/1897	Special Legislation	Acts of 1897 Chapter 403	Essex joins Judicial District of Police Court of Gloucester
4/20/1899	TM 12/2/1889 (?) & SL	Acts of 1899 Chapter. 289	Protection of Small Game
4/2/1901	Special Legislation	Acts of 1901 Chapter 225	Updates Protection of Small Game Acts of 1899 Chapter 289
2/25/1902	Special	Acts of 1902 Chapter 119	Authorization to Reconstruct Bridge over Essex River
3/12/1904	Special Legislation	Acts of 1901 Chapter 151	Establishment of Boundary Lines between Towns of Hamilton and Essex
	TM 3/2/1914	Acts of 1908 Chap. 422	Distribution of Public Documents
6/2/1911	Special Legislation	Acts of 1911 Chapter 515	Purchase of Release of Land held by Feoffees Grammer School for clear title to land owned by Essex
3/4/1912	TM 3/4/1912	Acts of 1911 Chapter 314 (?), 367 Sections 1 and 2	Public Use of School Building Halls
6/4/1912	Special Legislation	Acts of 1912 Chapter 710	Commonwealth Lease to County of Essex for taking Clams
2/25/1914	TM 3/15/1900	Acts of 1911 Chapter 494	Eight-hour Day (Acts of 1899 Chapter 344)
11/11/1913	11/4/1913	Acts of 1913 Chap. 807	Workmen's Compensation
1/22/1916	TM 4/5/1915	Acts of 1913 Chapter 835	Official Ballots (Section 432 and 433)
3/4/1914	3/2/1914	Acts of 1913 Chap. 487	Call Men (Rejection)
3/20/1915	Special Legislation & TM of (?)	Acts of 1915 Chapter 233	Provide Water Supply to Town Farm District (Repealed by Acts of 1947 Chapter 42)
4/1/1918	TM 3/4/1918	Acts of 1915 Chapter 284, Section 1	Election of Town Officers/Annual Town Meetings
11/4/1919	TM - 11/4/1919?	Acts of 1919 Chapter 311	Continuation Schools
	TM - 3/5/1923	Chapter 41 Section 97	Organization of Police Department
10/14/1925	TM 10/14/1925	Acts of 1912 Chapter 710	Shellfish Regulations
10/14/1925	TM 10/14/1925	Chapter 130 Section 84	Shellfish Regulations

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4/26/1927	Special Legislation	Acts of 1927 Chapter 307	Restricts Clams for Family Use without Permit in County of Essex (Amends Acts of 1912 Chap 710)
	TM 3/11/1932	Acts of 1928 Chapter 406	Permit Sports and Games on the Lord's Day
3/21/1935	Special Legislation	Acts of 1935 Chapter 91	Authorization to Borrow Money for High School and Town Hall Puposes
5/31/1934	TM - 7/13/1934 Art 3 (?) & SL	Acts of 1934 Chapter 261	Establish Water Supply and Water Commisioners
2/26/1937	Special Legislation	Acts of 1937 Chapter 55	Authorization to Grant Licenses for Retail sale of Wines and Malt Beverages
1/26/1943	TM - 3/7/1938	Acts of 1937 Chapter 77 Section 103A	Absent Voting
7/3/1940	7/3/1940	Chapter 44 Section 35	Accounting Audit
3/4/1946	TM - 3/4/1946 Art 26	Acts of 1945 Chapter 723 Section 1	Establish Veteran's Services
3/4/1946	TM - 3/4/1946 Art 31	Chapter 143 Section 6-12	Dangerous Buildings
2/12/1947	Special	Acts of 1947 Chapter 42	Update Water Supply Legislation
6/20/1947	TM - 3/17/1947 & SL	Acts of 1947 Chapter 548	Update Water Supply Legislation from 1934
6/16/1949	Special Legislation	Acts of 1949 Chapter 433	Update Water Supply Legislation from 1934 and 1947
4/4/1949	TM - 3/7/1949 Art 41 & Special Legislation	Acts of 1949 Chapter 122 Section 1 and 2	Sale of Water to Town of Hamilton
6/6/1949	Special Legislation	Acts of 1949 Chapter 440	Authorization to use a portion of HG Memorial park to use as site for Fire Station.
7/6/1949	STM - 7/6/1949 Art 3	Chapter 40 Section 42A and 42B-42F	Water Liens (Recorded ECRD Bk 6917 Pg 248)
3/12/1953	Special Legislation	Acts of 1953 Chapter 162	Authorizing Gloucester to purchase land off Apple St from which materials to be taken to improve public ways in Gloucester
6/10//1953	ATM - 3/2/1953 Art 38	Chapter 40 Section 13B	Financial Assistance to Resident Physician
3/29/1954	STM - Article 4	Chapter 41 Section 81A-81GG	Establish Planning Board and Board of Appeals, Subdivision Control
7/31/1956	Special Legislation	Acts of 1956 Chapter 531	Secret Ballot on Buildings RESCINDED 5/1/1995- Article 47
11/14/1956	STM - Article 8	Acts of 1955 Chapter 670	Essex County Pensions
3/6/1961	TM - 3/6/1961	Chapter 136 Section 4B	Sunday Bowling
3/6/1961		Acts of 1960 Chapter 647	Pensions
3/4/1963		Chapter 41 Section 45A	Selectmen as Trust Commissioners
3/4/1963		Chapter 139 Section 1,2 and 3	Dangerous Buildings

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3/2/1964		Chapter 40 Section 8C	Conservation Commission
3/7/1966	ATM - Article 46	Acts of 1965 Chapter 679	Highways - Federal Funds for Improvements
3/13/1967	Election - Q#1	Chapter 32B	Life and Health Insurance "Certain Provisions" Only
3/4/1968	ATM - Article 41	Chapter 40 Section 5B	Stabilization Fund
3/4/1968	ATM - Article 22	Acts of 1967 Chapter 616	Highways - Federal Funds for Improvements
3/5/1969	ATM - Article 40	Chapter 54 Section 16A	Poll Officer Substitute
3/2/1970	ATM - Article 15	Acts of 1969 Chapter 768 Section 4	Highways
3/1/1971	ATM - Article 25	Chapter 41 Section 100F	Indemnifying Harbormaster
12/8/1971	STM - Article 8	Chapter 41 Section 100E	Indemnifying School Committee
3/6/1972	TM - Article 35	Chapter 40 Section 8E	Youth Commission
3/11/1972	Election - Q#1	Acts of 1971 Chapter 486	Beano
6/29/1972	Special Legislation	Acts of 1972 Chapter 545	Authorizing formation of Vocational Regional School District
3/5/1973	TM - Article 34	Chapter 90 Section 20C	Parking Regulations and Fines
6/4/1973	ATM - Article 44 & Special Legislation	Acts of 1973 Chapter 501	Establish Department of Public Works
3/4/1974	TM - Article 33	Chapter 41 Section 97A	Police Department
10/23/1974	STM - Article 5	Chapter 40 Section 8A	Development and Industrial Commission
5/5/1975	TM - Article 34	Chapter 40 Section 8D	Historical Commission
6/30/1975	STM - Article 4	Chapter 130 Section 8A	Police as Natural Resource Officers
9/27/1976	STM - Article 8	Chapter 138 Section 33	Alcoholic Beverages
3/16/1977	TM - Article 8	Chapter 4- Section 22D	Towing of Parked Cars
5/1/1978	TM - Article 10	Chapter 71 Section 71E	Adult Education Funds
6/12/1978	STM - Article 6	Chapter 130 Section 94	Regulation of Alewives
5/7/1979	ATM - Article 50	Chapter 258 Section 9	Indemnifying Municipal Officers
10/27/1980	TM - Article 1	Chapter 71 Section 16-16I	Establishment Regional School District w/Town of Manchester (REVOTED 5/1/2000 Art 7)
5/12/1980	Election - Question 1	Chapter 258 Section 13	Indemnifying Municipal Officers
9/8/1980	BOS Meeting	Acts of 1980 Chapter 416 Section 2	Qualification of Assessors
12/8/1980	BOS Meeting	Chapter 128 Section 2B	Riding Schools and Stables
5/4/1981	TM - Article 44	Chapter 40 Section 13	Municipal Building and Insurance Fund
5/3/1982	TM - Article 25	Chapter 90 Section 20A 1/2	Parking Laws
5/3/1982	ATM - Article 28	Chapter 148 Sections 26C and 26E	Smoke Detectors
5/7/1984	ATM - Article 14	Chapter 43 Section 71F	Non-resident Tuition

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5/6/1985	TM - Articles 32, 33 and 34	Chapter 59 Section 5 Clauses 17C, 41B and 37A	Tax Abatements (Widows, Over 70 and Blind Persons)
5/6/1985	TM- Article 24	Chapter 41 Section 69B	Water Surplus/Water Commissioners
10/21/1985	STM - Article 5	Chapter 71 Section 40	Increase Teacher's Salaries to at least \$18,000 p/yr
3/3/1986	TM - Article 5	Chapter 40 Section 4G	\$4,000 Bid Limit
5/5/1986	TM - Article 36	Chapter 64G Section 3A	Room Occupancy Excise Tax
5/27/1986	BOS Meeting	Chapter 32 B Section 16	Health Insurance
9/8/1986	STM - Article 7	Chapter 148 Section 26G	Automatic Sprinkler Systems
3/2/1987	TM - Article 12	Chapter 835 and Chapter 41 Section 108	Quinn Bill/Education Incentive - Police
6/25/1987	TM - 3/2/1987 Art 6 & Special Legislation	Acts of 1987 Chapter 171	Appoint Town Treasurer/Collector
5/4/1987	ATM - Article 32	MA Fire Code - Section	Sprinkler Systems
5/7/1990	ATM - Article 38	Chapter 140 Section 147A	Dog Licensing
12/26/1990	STM 9/10/90 Article 2 & Special	Acts of 1990 Capter 527	Release of Part of Conservation Restriction - 1990/Means (Taken by eminent domain 3/26/1990 for water supply)
5/6/1991	ATM - Article 26	Chapter 291 of Acts of	Enhanced 911 Service
5/4/1992	ATM - Article 26	Chapter 41 Section 38A	Title of Town Collector
5/3/1993	ATM - Article 28	Chapter 32B Section 18	Medicare Eligible Retired Municipal Employees Insurance
5/2/1994	ATM - Article 45	Chapter 90G and Chapter 40 Section 21D	Enforcement by Civil Infraction Process
10/24/1994	STM - Article 1	Chapter 44 Section 53D	Establish Recreation and Park Revolving Fund
5/1/1995	ATM - Article 16	Chapter 40 Sections 42G-I	Water Pipe Assessments
11/20/1995	STM - Article 15	Acts of 1989 Chapter 653 Section 41	Quarterly Real Estate Tax Bills
5/6/1996	ATM - Article 31	Chapter 80 Section 13B	Deferral of Betterment Assessments - 65 and Over
5/5/1997	ATM - Article 18	Chapter 40 Section 42K	Water Improvement Betterment Assessments
5/1/2000	ATM - Article 7	Chapter 71 Sections 16-16I	Establishment Regional School District with Town of Manchester
5/7/2001	ATM - Article 12	Chapter 40 Section 57	Penalties for Non Payment of Taxes
12/10/2001	STM - Article 2	Chapter 159 Section 114	Personal Property Tax Exemption
11/20/2003	Special Legislation	Acts of 2003 Chapter 117	Designaiton of portions of State Hwy 133 as a Scenic Byway
5/3/2004	ATM- Article 22	Chapter 90 Section 20A	Parking Fine Increase RESCINDED 10/3/2020 STM Art 8
5/1/2006	ATM - Article 13	Chapter 40 Section 8G	Police - Mutual Aid
5/1/2006	ATM - Article 24	Chapter 44 Section 53F1/2	Youth Commission Enterprise Fund RESCINDED 5/2/2011 ATM Art 17

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3/12/2007	STM - Article 1	Chapter 44B Sections 3-7	Community Preservation Act and Surcharge of .5%. Ballot Question #1 of 5/14/2007 Election Passed. 11/16/2015 STM Art 5 and 5/9/2016 Election Q#1 voted to increase surcharge to 1.5% in FY17.
5/7/2007	ATM - Article 21	Chapter 83 Sections 16A-16F	Collection of Delinquent Sewer Charges TC to register VC with ECRD (?)
5/5/2008	ATM - Article 15	Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C and Clause 41D	Senior Real Estate Tax Exemptions
5/5/2008	ATM - Article 19	Chapter 39 Section 23D	Adjudicatory Hearing Absence
7/2/2008	ATM - 5/5/2008 Article 32 & Special Legislation	Special Legislation to enable enforcement of Sewer Service Area Bylaw - Acts of 2008 Chapter 171	(See also TM 5/1/2000 Art 15 See also TM 5/2/2005 Art 16) Enforcement of Sewer Service Area Bylaw
11/3/2008	STM - Article 12	Chapter 41 Section 108P	Additional Town Treasurer Compensation
5/4/2009	ATM - Article 21	Chapter 32B Section 20	OPEB Liability Trust Fund
8/31/2010	Special Legislation	Acts of 2010 Chapter 320	Ratification of actions taken at 5/3/2010 Annual Town Meeting (Warrant Posting not in full compliance).
5/2/2011	ATM - Article 27	Chapter 53 Section 9A	Procedures for Obtaining Nomination Papers
5/23/2012	STM - 4/25/2012 Art 1 & Special Legislation	Special Legislation to establish sale and lease procedures by BOS for Conomo Point - Acts of 2012 Chapter 104	See Also STM 11/15/2010 Art 16 Conomo Point - Property Sale or Lease - Acts of 2011 Chapter 17 approved 5/2/2011 (Lease for 5 yrs or less)
5/7/2012	ATM - Article 28	Chapter 272 Section 73A	Removal of Gravestones for Repair
5/6/2013	ATM - Article 36	Chapter 64L Section 2(a)	Local Meals Excise Tax
11/18/2013	STM - Article 5	Chapter 40 Section 6A	Advertising Town Resources
5/4/2015	ATM - Article 33	Building Code 780 115.AA	Adoption of Stretch Energy Code (RESCINDED 2023)
5/4/2015	ATM - Article 35	Chapter 41 Section 19K	Town Clerk Compensation
9/10/2015	Special Legislation	Acts of 2015 Chapter 77	Ratification of actions taken at 5/4/15 ATM and 5/11/15 Election (Warrant Posting not in full compliance).
11/14/2016	STM - Article 17	Chapter 44 Section 53F3/4	PEG Access and Cable Related Fund beginning FY18
9/20/2018	STM -11/13/17 Art 4 and Special Legislation	Chapter 252 of the Acts of 2018	Appointment of Retired Police Officers to Perform Details
5/6/2019	ATM - Article 17	Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41A	Align Senior Real Estate Tax Deferral Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit

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5/6/2019	ATM - Article 19	Chapter 64N Section 3	Local Marijuana Sales Tax of 3%
6/13/2020	ATM - Article 13	Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 41C	Senior Real Estate Tax Exemptions - Adjusted Clause 41C Eligibility Requirements
6/13/2020	ATM - Article 34	Chapter 32B Sec 20 as amended by Chapter 218, Sec 15 - Acts of 2016	Establish Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability (OPEB) Trust Fund
10/3/2020	STM - Article 8	Chapter 90 Section 20A	RESCIND Acceptance to Chap 90 Sec 20A1/2 Controls (adopted in 1982). Increase Parking fine to \$50.
10/3/2020	STM - Article 9	Chapter 32 Section 4(2)(b1/2)	Call Firefighters Pension Option
5/2/2022	ATM - Article 15	Chapter 44 Section 55C	Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Trust Formation
5/1/2023	ATM - Article 20	Building Code 780 115.AA	RESCINDED Stretch Energy Code
5/1/2023	ATM - Article 21	Chapter 64G Section 3A	Amend Room Occupancy Excise Tax from 4% to 6% eff. 7/1/23