

WEST AND SOUTH
Water Supply District
OF ACTON, MASS.

INCORPORATED BY THE ACTS OF LEGISLATURE OF
1912, CHAPTER 326, AND ACCEPTED BY THE
DISTRICT APRIL 16, 1912

THE CENTER DISTRICT ACCEPTED SECTION 13
OF SAID ACT

ANNUAL REPORT, MARCH 1, 1924

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ORGANIZATION—1923

Clerk

LOWELL H. CRAM

Water Commissioners

EDGAR H. HALL, Chairman

WALDO E. WHITCOMB

GEORGE E. CLAPP, Clerk

Treasurer

FRANK W. HOIT

Collector

WALDO E. WHITCOMB

Auditor

DAVID R. KINSLEY

Superintendent

JAMES FITZGERALD

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To the Citizens of the Water District of Acton:

In rendering our annual report for the fiscal year ending March 1st, it may be wise to give more than bare figures, to thoroughly understand the financial condition of the District.

There have been installed 28 new services, divided nearly equal between the West and South Districts, at a total cost of \$1935.90, of which the District's share is \$1262.18, or an average for each service of \$45.08, and the owners' share is \$673.72, or an average of \$24.06 for each service. The number installed is much larger than for several years.

In accordance with the vote taken at the special meeting of the District on August 2, 1923, we have extended the six-inch main in Arlington Street, commencing at the end of the pipe line near the house of Samuel F. Carlisle, and continuing 700 feet, installing one new hydrant near the end of the line, at a total cost of \$1724.35, issuing five notes of \$300.00 each, payable in from one to five years. The cost of this extension is \$2.40 per foot, including materials and labor. The labor cost figures 79 cents per foot, which is considerable less than it could be done by contract work. Three bids were submitted for the work, ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per foot. We were fortunate in not finding any ledge, but the heavy rains that occurred while under construction, cost us, at least estimate, 8 cents per foot additional, owing to serious cave-ins and labor pumping.

The repairs at the pumping station were very heavy, owing to the fact that both engines, at nearly the same time, developed serious cracks in cylinder water jackets, necessitating new cylinders and pistons for each engine. These repairs, together with new equipment, such as forced feed oilers for

both engines, a two-horsepower motor and air compressor, electric light installation, new gears for the pumps and installing the old forced feed oilers on the pumps, cost \$2056.16. While this cost was heavy for one year's repair work, we feel that in many respects the power plant is in better condition, and will not call for any major repairs for several years.

We also wish to call attention to the result of the vote passed at the annual meeting in 1923, "that the dates of reading water meters and collecting water rates be changed from January 1st and July 1st to April 1st and October 1st." This change forced us to collect only nine months' water rates instead of twelve months, so that the revenue from services is some \$2200.00 less than if a full year's rate had been collected. This loss, together with our unusually heavy repair and maintenance expenses, explains the small cash balance this year as compared to the balance of a year ago. Owing to these facts we recommend the raising of \$3500.00 by taxation the present year.

Owing to the District's continued growth, thereby calling for more constant care and labor, and that his own business demands his increased attention, our superintendent, Mr. James Fitzgerald, has deemed it wise to resign his position and we have employed Mr. George E. Clapp to fill the vacancy. Mr. Fitzgerald has given many years of faithful service, being always on the job, giving the District a sense of security in case of emergency. He has taken no vacation during this time, and at times of repair, when it called for continuous pumping night and day, that the District might not be without water pressure, he has stayed by the pumps without complaint or extra pay, deeming the satisfaction that the District had never, during his service, been without water pressure, a sufficient reward. His knowledge and care of the pumping plant has been appreciated by the Board, as well as by the citizenry, and while we lose his labor, his advice and experience will be available to the District as necessity may require.

Any causes for complaint, or if leaks should occur, you will please notify the superintendent, Mr. Clapp, at the pumping station, call West Acton 37-4, or call either of the commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR H. HALL,
WALDO E. WHITCOMB,
GEORGE E. CLAPP,

Water Commissioners.

West Acton, Mass., March 24, 1924.

CLERK'S REPORT

EXPENDITURES

March 15, 1923, to March 1, 1924

Construction Account

Martin Brown, labor	\$237 50
A. Richardson, labor	2 00
A. Martain, labor	2 00
H. L. Brown, labor	52 50
Hobart Brown, labor	12 00
D. Ryan, labor	10 50
Preston Blake, labor	63 88
Harold Blake, labor	44 00
R. Davis, labor	36 50
R. Cole, labor	51 50
B. Mason, labor	24 00
J. Downey, labor	8 00
F. Armberg, labor	63 50
G. Clapp, labor	477 20
J. Schofield, labor	125 50

B. Johnson, labor	103 25
R. Hatch, labor	245 25
S. Paddock, labor	1 50
R. Freeman, labor	96 88
R. Brown, labor	24 25
V. Esten, labor	17 00
R. Quinlan, labor	89 50
F. Green, labor	2 62
Charles J. Kelley, labor and supplies	28 98
National Meter Co., meters	491 00
Waldo Whitcomb, services	45 30
Fred A. Houdlette Co., pipe	1,095 51
Braman, Dow & Co., curb boxes	29 40
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	24 00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., fire clay and cement	3 30
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	783 74
Charter Gas Engine Co., cylinder and parts	1,276 41
Charter Gas Engine Co., air compressor	57 50
Vye, Smith & Co., motor, 2 h.p.	134 90
B. A. King, wiring and supplies	101 33
	\$5,862 20

Maintenance Account

U. S. Rubber Co., valves	\$113 60
New England Telephone & Telegraph Company	61 75
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies	15 24
William C. Robinson & Son Co., lubri- cating oil	153 31
Charles J. Jager & Co., pinions	177 24
Boston & Maine R. R., water privilege	5 40
E. R. Teele, teaming	7 00
A. W. Davis, trucking	42 00
Barry, Beale & Co., record book and leaves	44 35

W. B. Holt, labor and pipe	21 55
Hall Bros., lumber	7 58
Underhay Oil Co., oil	7 35
Vye, Smith & Co., electric wire	52 05
Lewis E. Tracy, pulleys and belts	34 67
William Blaisdell, reading meters	30 00
Henry L. Haynes, collecting taxes	1 65
Hobbs & Warren, collector's cash book	4 25
Town of Acton, repairing street, South Acton	25 00
George H. Reed, coal	36 81
Arthur Whitcomb, liability insurance	13 92
Howard Reed, tractor and labor	49 75
Keystone Lubricant Co., grease	17 50
Red Hed Mfg. Co., valves	135 01
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., supplies	136 07
Arthur Whitcomb, treasurer's bond	12 00
Gulf Refining Co., kerosene	295 00
J. T. McNiff, labor	10 45
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., waste	7 50
Rensselaer Valve Co., hydrants	128 18
David R. Kinsley, Auditor	5 00
American Woolen Co., current	2 25
George H. Reed, coal and cement	21 88
George H. Reed, supplies	11 00
George Clapp, express	24 32
Allen Brooks Parker, legal services	6 00
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter repairs	10 86
James Fitzgerald, car registration	2 00
Director of Accounts, certifying notes	10 00
Lowell Cram, salary as Clerk	5 00
Dodge Mfg. Corp., supplies	2 70
Edgar H. Hall, salary	25 00
Waldo E. Whitcomb, salary	25 00
Frank W. Hoit, salary	25 00
George Clapp, salary	25 00

Waldo Whitcomb, collecting water rates and installations	146 81	
James Fitzgerald, salary	1,130 00	
George Clapp, services as Clerk	10 00	
Charles A. Durkee, collecting taxes	11 67	
George Clapp, supplies	3 14	
Huntley S. Turner, printing	41 75	
Murphy & Snyder, printing	59 90	
National Meter Co., repairs and supplies	196 03	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co., supplies	7 59	
Waldo Whitcomb, stationery and post- age	16 64	
Waldo Whitcomb, labor	72 40	
James Fitzgerald, tires	32 00	
Gasoline and repairs	99 61	
Express and freight	56 33	
Expenses to New York and return	26 23	
Maynard & Acton Oil Co., kerosene	647 50	
Gasoline	9 35	
		————— \$10,278 34

Paid on Bond Account

Interest on \$61,500.00	\$1,230 00	
6,300.00	126 00	
65,000.00	1,300 00	
Paid on principal \$65,000.00	3,500 00	
Interest on \$6,600.00	132 00	
Paid on bond, \$6,600.00	300 00	
		————— \$6,588 00
Total expenditures		————— \$16,866 34

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS,

By George E. Clapp, Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Dr.		
1922			
Recommitted		\$359 16	
Interest collected		16 13	
		\$375 29	
	Cr.		
Paid Treasurer		\$350 44	
Uncollected		24 85	
		\$375 29	
1923	Dr.		
Committed		\$1,952 02	
Interest collected		1 92	
		\$1,953 94	
	Cr.		
Paid Treasurer		\$1,516 58	
Uncollected		436 91	
Due from Collector		45	
		\$1,953 94	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. DURKEE,
Tax Collector.

WATER RATES

January 1, 1923, to July 1, 1923

West	South	Center	Total
\$1,022 40	\$1,142 04	\$280 21	\$2,444 65
Paid Treasurer			\$2,444 65

July 1, 1923, to October 1, 1923

West	South	Center	Total
\$1,437 52	\$2,260 84	\$442 04	\$4,140 40
Paid Treasurer			\$4,140 40

COLLECTED FOR INSTALLATION AND REPAIRS

West	South	Center	Total
\$239 53	\$559 07	\$27 61	\$826 21
Paid Treasurer			\$826 21

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,

Collector.

METERED WATER FROM JANUARY 1, 1923, to OCTOBER 1, 1923, IN GALLONS

West	South	Center	Total
3,438,025	7,519,770	1,268,597	12,226,392

WATER PUMPED FROM JANUARY 1, 1923, to JANUARY 1, 1924

53,000,383 gallons

NUMBER USING WATER IN 1923

West	South	Center	Total
227	186	72	499

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1924

Cash on hand	\$4,065 52
Town of Acton, hydrant service	2,600 00
Income tax, West and South District	90 71
Center District	30 26
H. L. Haynes, West and South taxes, 1921	118 52
Center taxes, 1921	35 52
C. A. Durkee, West and South taxes, 1922	250 76
Center taxes, 1922	99 68
District taxes, 1923	1,516 58
Walworth Mfg. Co., rebate	7 98
Old Colony Trust Co., interest	37 72
North Middlesex Savings Bank, loan	1,500 00
W. E. Whitcomb, West and South service	442 04
Center service	280 21
District service	5,862 80
Construction account	826 21
	\$17,764 51
Paid Commissioners' orders	\$16,866 34
	\$898 17

BONDS AND NOTES

Bond, Series No. 1	\$65,000 00
Paid bond	3,500 00
	\$61,500 00
Bonds, Series No. 2	\$6,600 00
Paid bond	300 00
	\$6,300 00

North Middlesex Savings Bank:

Note No. 2, due 1925	\$300 00
Note No. 3, due 1926	300 00
Note No. 4, due 1927	300 00
Note No. 5, due 1928	300 00
Note No. 6, due 1929	300 00
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	\$1,500 00
Total Bonds and Notes	<hr/>
	\$69,300 00

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Water Commissioners:

In accordance with your request I have completed an examination of the accounts of Treasurer and Collectors for the purpose of verifying the cash transactions for the year ending March 1, 1924. To the best of my knowledge I believe they are correct.

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Auditor.