# 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 31, 1929

MURPHY & SNYDER MAYNARD, MASS.

### ORGANIZATION—1928

Clerk
ARTHUR H. WETHERBEE

Water Commissioners
WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Chairman
EDGAR H. HALL
GEORGE E. CLAPP, Clerk

Treasurer FRANK W. HOIT

Collector
WALDO E. WHITCOMB

Auditor
DAVID R. KINSLEY

Superintendent
GEORGE E. CLAPP

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Clerk of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton,
GREETING:

You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton residing in the Water Supply District, as bounded and defined by Chapter 326 of the Acts of 1912, Sections 1 and 13 of said Act, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in Fireman's Hall, West Acton,

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1929, at Eight o'clock P. M.

then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
ART. 2. To elect by ballot, one member of the Board of Water
Commissioners, to serve for the term of three years.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary District Officers and fix salaries.
ART. 4. To hear and act on the reports of the Water Commissioners, Treasurer, and other officers of the Water District, or any Committee appointed at any previous meeting.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Water District will raise by taxation, and appropriate for the maintenance and running expenses of the department, and for the payment of bonds, notes, and interest due the current year, not raised by rentals and water rates.

ART. 6. To see if the Water District will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approval of the Water Commissioners,

if necessary, in anticipation of revenue the current year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in the several post offices, railroad stations, and stores in the Water District seven days, at least, before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Water Commissioners, on or before the time

of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

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

### WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To the Citizens of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton:

We present the annual report for the year ending March 15, 1929.

This is the first year since the beginning of the Water System without any revenue from taxes, this and having a very wet season last summer so that very little water was used for lawns, sprinkling and irrigating has caused the collections from water rates a little less than our estimate for this year.

More services are turned off at the present time than any time in the history of the Water System. A number of tenements are vacant and others are closed for the winter. Many of these will come on again in the spring.

Eight new services have been installed this year with no extensions to our main lines.

While we show a balance of five hundred dollars and fifty-five cents on the right side this year it is not as large as we hoped to have. We are very glad to recommend no tax levy for this year.

Our Power Plant is in very good condition and with new valves for the pumps and a few minor repairs as far as we can determine at the present time will be the only expense on the machinery. While it would be a good thing to have the inside of the Pumping Station stuccoed or lined with some material. This would keep the plant much warmer and require less fuel also if we have a dry season the wells should be washed out and the pipe line at the wells loooked over. This will not incur a very large expense to the District.

### ESTIMATED REVENUES AND RECEIPTS

| Water Rates      | \$8,900.00                              |             |
|------------------|---|-------------|
| Hydrant Rentals  | 2,750.00                                |             |
| Interest Account | 100.00                                  |             |
|                  | *************************************** | \$11,750.00 |

# ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

| Bond and Interest Account         | \$6,200.00  |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Salaries, Officers and Collectors | 2,330.00    |             |
| Fuel and Lubricating Oils         | 650.00      |             |
| New Hydrants                      | 100.00      |             |
| Coal, Electric Lights, Telephone  | 135.00      |             |
| Gasoline                          | 130.00      |             |
| Repairs                           | 160.00      |             |
| Labor                             | 700.00      |             |
| Insurance and Rentals             | 50.00       |             |
| Miscellaneous including Printing  | 700.00      |             |
| Meter Repairs                     | 200.00      |             |
|                                   | \$11,355.00 |             |
| Estimated Gain                    | 395.00      |             |
|                                   |             | \$11.750.00 |

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

# CLERK'S REPORT

### MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

| Lewis E. Tracy Co., gears            | \$130.00 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Wetmore Savage Co., auto parts       | 3.69     |
| Economy Lubricant Co., grease        | 14.00    |
| N. H. Tenney, machine work           | 28.09    |
| Robert L. Harper, wrenches           | 11.21    |
| Avery Murphy, battery                | 14.25    |
| W. H. Haynes Co., ladder             | 3.00     |
| Hewitt's Tire Shop, tire adjusting   | 4.00     |
| B. A. King, repairs                  | 1.60     |
| Hall Bros., lumber                   | 5.52     |
| Car Registration                     | 2.00     |
| Wood & Dodge, repairs and gas        | 23.10    |
| Mass. Gas Tax                        | 1.50     |
| Am. Fire Equipment Co., batteries    | 2.45     |
| W. S. Darley Co., tool repairs       | 6.33     |
| W. E. Whitcomb, collect. water rates | 183.85   |
| Finney & Hoit, supplies              | 27.80    |
| W. E. Whitcomb, postage, envelopes   | 29.06    |
| Texas Co., gasoline                  | 22.15    |
| Murphy & Snyder, printing            | 80.50    |
| Central Garage, repairs              | 29.80    |
| N. E. T. & T. Co., telephone         | 44.64    |
| Geo. E. Clapp, express and freight   | 21.35    |
| Acton Motor Co., repairs             | 11.75    |
| Nashoba Oil Co., gasoline            | 40.50    |
| Geo. Reed, coal                      | 43.88    |
| Laffin's Express, express            | 5.50     |
| J. T. McNiff, forging                | 2.30     |
| Geo. Reed, supplies                  | 3.10     |
| Paul Hederstedt, insurance           | 34.00    |
| Chandler & Farquhar, tools           | 8.61     |

| National Meter Co., repairs           | 177.29   |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| B. & M. R. R., rent                   | 10.80    |
| Am. Woolen Co., light                 | 15.48    |
| Bursaw Gas & Oil Co., lubricating oil | 71.00    |
| Maynard & Acton Oil Co., kerosene     | 532.82   |
| James Fitzgerald, repairs and gas     | 50.14    |
| Sumner & Dunbar, supplies             | 138.19   |
| A. W. Davis Co., coal and supplies    | 57.99    |
| Geo. E. Clapp, Supt.                  | 2,000.00 |
| Waldo E. Whitcomb, Commissioner       | 25.00    |
| Edgar H. Hall, Commissioner           | 25.00    |
| Geo. E. Clapp, Com. and Clerk         | 35.00    |
| Frank Hoit, Treasurer                 | 25.00    |
| David R. Kingsley, Auditor            | 5.00     |
| Arthur H. Wetherbee, District Clerk   | 5.00     |
|                                       |          |

\$ 4,013.24

# CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

| Ludlow Valve Co., valves          | \$12.25 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings        | 11.02   |
| F. A. Houdlette Co., pipe         | 83.30   |
| Red Hed Mfg. Co., shut-off valves | 15.48   |
| O. F. Nelson, labor               | 6.55    |
| Braman Dow Co., fittings          | 2.02    |
| Builders Iron Foundry, pipe       | 4.95    |
| Cement Lined Pipe Co., pipe       | 222.93  |
| Reading Steel Casting Co., valves | 46.96   |
| Geo. A. Caldwell Co.              | 11.74   |
| R. Carruth, labor                 | 44.00   |
| E. Sanborn, labor                 | 1.00    |
| J. Grimes, labor                  | 1.00    |
| G. Shaw, labor                    | 1.00    |
| H. King, labor                    | 1.00    |
| T. Cole, labor                    | 113.00  |
| E. Banks, labor                   | 87.75   |
| W. Oster, labor                   | 6.50    |

| E. Jewett, labor<br>H. Conquest, labor<br>J. Gonon, labor<br>T. Moynihan, labor | 2.00<br>12.25<br>18.50<br>164.75 | \$ 869.95   |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| BOND  | ACCOUNT                          |             |
| Bonds Paid  | \$4,500.00                       |             |
| Interest Paid   | 2,143.50                         | \$ 6,643.50 |
| Maintenance Account   |                                  | 4,013.24    |
| Construction Account  |                                  | 869.95      |
|   |                                  | \$11,526.69 |

GEORGE E. CLAPP, Clerk of Commissioners.

# REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES

APRIL 1, 1928 TO APRIL 1, 1929

Metered and Unmetered Water

\$8,832.02

Installing and Repairs

380.03

Paid Treasurer

\$ 9,212.05 \$ 9,212.05

### METERED WATER FOR ONE YEAR

October 1, 1927 to October 1, 1928

Center

West

South

Total

1,552,163 gal. 6,099,443 gal. 14,650,065 gal. 22,301,671 gal.

### WATER PUMPED AT STATION

January 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929 32,908,549 gallons

### NUMBER OF SERVICES INSTALLED

Center

South

West

Total

82

241

**26**0

583

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Collector.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

# YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1929

| Cash on hand<br>Hydrant Service<br>Interest, Old Colony Trust            | \$3,714.11<br>2,750.00<br>65.19 |             |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|
| W. E. Whitcomb, service  | 9,212.05                        | \$15,741.35 |
| Paid Commissioner's orders   |                                 | 11,526.69   |
| Cash on hand   |                                 | \$ 4,214.66 |
| Cash in Charlestown 5c Savings Cash in Old Colony Trust Co. Cash on hand | \$2,000.00<br>2,128.52<br>86.14 |             |
|  |                                 | \$ 4,214.66 |
| Bonds Account<br>Paid  | \$47,500.00<br>3,500.00         | \$44,000.00 |
| Bonds Account Paid   | \$ 5,100.00<br>300.00           | \$ 4,800.00 |
| Notes Account  | 300.00<br>300.00                | ф 4,000.00  |
| Paid   | 500.00                          | \$ 0,000.00 |
| Notes Account Paid   | 4,800.00                        | \$ 4,400.00 |
| Total Bonds and Notes  |                                 | \$53,200.00 |

FRANK W. HOIT, Treasurer.

# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Water Commissioners:

Gentlemen—Having completed an examination of the books of the Treasurer and Collectors, I believe that they are correct.

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Auditor.

West Acton, Mass., March 30, 1929.