

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

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**ANNUAL REPORT, MARCH 31, 1931**

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**MURPHY & SNYDER  
MAYNARD, MASS.**

## ORGANIZATION—1930

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### Clerk

ARTHUR H. WETHERBEE, Term expires 1930

### Water Commissioners

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Chairman	Term expires 1932
GEORGE E. CLAPP, Clerk	Term expires 1931
HOWARD J. BILLINGS	Term expires 1933

### Treasurer

FRANK W. HOIT, Term expires 1931

### Auditor

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Term expires 1931

### Appointments by the Water Commissioners

#### Collector

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Term expires 1931

#### Superintendent

GEORGE E. CLAPP, Term expires 1931

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

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

GREETINGS:

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 7, 1931, 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 District or any Committee appointed at any previous meeting.

ART. 5. To see if the District will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, with the approval of the Water Commissioners if necessary, in anticipation of revenue the current year.

ART. 6. To see if the District will instruct the Water Commissioners to petition the Legislature to extend the bounds of the District commencing at the District bound on Main Street to a town bound Acton, Maynard and Concord; thence by the Concord line to a bound on Massachusetts Ave.; thence to the Stone District bound in Main Street near the John McCarthy house or act anything thereon.

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 District seven days at least before the time of 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 seventeenth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,  
HOWARD J. BILLINGS,  
GEORGE E. CLAPP,

Water Commissioners.

## WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

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

We present the annual report for the year ending  
March 15, 1931.

This year we have added five new services, and at the West School House, the one inch pipe was replaced, with two inch pipe, as it was found after installing flush toilets, at the School, the one inch pipe was not large enough to give the quick flow of water when flushing. On Main Street, near the Grain Mill, South Acton, we have moved the hydrant back of the sidewalk, and put in a six inch valve. As this hydrant has been hit by automobiles, and four times put out of commission, it was thought best to move the hydrant to a place of safety.

Owing to the very dry season this last year, we did not think it best to paint the standpipe as the water would have to be drawn from it for about two weeks. The Commissioners hope to do it this year. However, it has been surprising, and also pleasing, with such a dry season as we had last summer and fall, that the water in our wells did not lower but a very little, this showing that we must have an abundant supply of water to draw from.

This year, in addition to painting the Standpipe, we must raise the hydrant on Main Street near the house of Mrs. Hatch, as the road has been widened and filled at this point, making the hydrant too near the traveled road. Some work will also have to be done at the Pumping Station this year, on the pumps and a little work on the engines, in the way of overhauling, but this will not involve any very large expense.

We are pleased to note that the financial condition of the Water District is improving each year, and last year made the best showing since we have been without a District Tax.

Following is our

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND RECEIPTS  
FOR THIS YEAR

Water Rates	\$9,200.00	
Hydrant Rentals	2,775.00	
Interest Accounts	125.00	
Return on New Services Installed	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,500.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Bond and Interest Account	\$6,000.00	
Salaries, Officers and Collector	2,400.00	
Fuel and Lubricating Oils	700.00	
New Hydrants	100.00	
Coal, Electric Light and Telephone	135.00	
Gasoline	175.00	
Repairs	300.00	
Labor	1,200.00	
Insurance and Rentals	100.00	
Miscellaneous, Including Painting	700.00	
For New Services	400.00	
Meter Repairs	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,410.00

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,  
HOWARD J. BILLINGS,  
GEO. E. CLAPP,

Water Commissioners.

## CLERK'S REPORT

### MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Maynard and Acton Oil Co., kerosene	\$261.96
Charter Gas Engine Co., engine parts	154.20
E. H. Longley, cement work	50.00
Murphy & Snyder, printing	67.25
Nashoba Oil Co., kerosene and gasoline	370.77
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	44.60
Edison Co., current	8.14
M. B. Pendergast, envelopes	13.66
Standard Oil Co., lubricating oil	107.75
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	91.15
W. E. Whitcomb, postage	15.90
J. MacPherson, hardware	4.40
Byron Lumber Co., lumber	6.67
B. & M. R. R., water pipe privilege	10.80
A. W. Davis, supplies and tools	23.69
Pierce's Express, express	3.45
F. W. Hoit, postage and registry	7.91
Geo. H. Reed, coal	36.03
Herbert Hale, box	4.00
National Meter Co., repairs and parts	54.04
E. P. Gates, forging	5.65
Geo. E. Clapp, ex. freight paid	22.64
W. J. Costello, signs and lettering	3.70
A. W. Davis Co., coal	37.88
Finney & Hoit, batteries and cloth	8.67
Garage Supply Co., bolt extractors	3.85
Paul Hederstedt, insurance	76.84
J. Fitzgerald, gasoline	38.06
O. F. Nelson, sharpening tools	2.30
T. F. Parker, black lead	2.50
Acton Motor Co., repairs	7.85
Carpenter Mfg. Co., light	20.11
Strong & Tracy Co., supplies	4.15
Tate & Co., steel pipe	2.70
Rennesellaer Valve Co., hydrant parts	31.90
Central Garage, Chevrolet truck	600.00
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter repairs	34.45
Red Hed Mfg. Co., service stops	76.52
Johnson Drug Co., first aid chest	10.00

Geo. Reed, supplies	5.55
J. S. Moore, wire brushes	2.85
Summer & Dunbar, fittings	87.13
Central Garage, repairs	12.20
Clark Chevrolet Co., mirror	4.50
Geo. E. Clapp, supt. salary	2,000.00
W. E. Whitcomb, collecting water rates	202.76
Howard J. Billings, commissioner	25.00
W. E. Whitcomb, commissioner	25.00
Geo. E. Clapp, commissioner and clerk	35.00
F. W. Hoyt, treasurer	25.00
Arthur Wetherbee, district clerk	5.00
David R. Kinsley, auditor	5.00
T. Moynihan, labor	72.00
D. Clayton, labor	17.75
E. Hurley, labor	1.00
R. Boyce, labor	5.00
F. Whitcomb, labor	1.00
D. Bezanson, labor	1.50
O. Olsen, labor	1.50
J. Kingsley, labor	9.50
B. Holt, labor	3.00

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\$4,873.38

#### CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

F. A. Howdlette, cast iron pipe	\$158.68
Geo. A. Caldwell Co., curb boxes	39.75
Hedge & Matthews, forge stand	25.00
Cement Lined Pipe Co., service pipe	129.20
Crane & Co., valve and fittings	31.69
Laffin's Express, express	.70
W. B. Holt, fittings	2.76
Hersey Meter Co., meters	63.00
Red Hed Mfg. Co., pipe and valves	73.82
A. Wessel, labor	25.50
J. Subich, labor	4.00
G. DeMar, labor	3.25
J. H. Doyle, labor	7.25
E. Carrol, labor	1.50
V. T. Esten, labor	3.00
A. Dubey, labor	5.00
M. J. Sheehan, labor	18.25
J. Dwyer, labor	5.50
H. Gould, labor	7.50

H. Thacher, labor	7.50	
J. Kingsley, labor	9.00	
D. Hurley, labor	13.50	
R. Angier, labor	50.50	
T. Moynihan, labor	582.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,268.35

BOND ACCOUNT

Bonds Paid	\$4,200.00	
Interest Paid	1,894.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,094.00
Maintenance Account		4,873.38
Construction Account		1,268.35
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		\$12,235.73

GEO. E. CLAPP, Clerk of Commissioners.



## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES

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APRIL 1, 1930 TO APRIL 1, 1931

Metered and Unmetered Water	\$9,405.56	
Installing and Repairs	732.31	
	<hr/>	\$10,137.87
Paid Treasurer		\$10,137.87

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### METERED WATER FOR ONE YEAR

October 1, 1928 to October 1, 1929

Center	West	South	Total
2,181,960 gal.	6,987,360 gal.	12,959,768 gal.	22,129,088 gal.

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### WATER PUMPED AT STATION

January 1, 1930 to January 1, 1931  
36,612,485 gallons

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### NUMBER OF SERVICES NOW INSTALLED

Center	South	West	Total
90	249	256	595

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Collector.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand	\$2,210.43	
Cash in Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Recd. W. E. Whitcomb, Collector	10,137.87	
Recd. Hydrant Rental, Acton	2,775.00	
Interest, Charlestown Five Cent Sav. Bk.	100.00	
Interest, First Nat. Bank	14.72	
		\$17,238.02
Paid Commissioners' orders		12,235.73
		\$5,002.29
Balance on hand		
Bonds Account	\$40,500.00	
Paid	3,500.00	
		\$37,000.00
Bonds Account	\$4,500.00	
Paid	300.00	
		\$4,200.00
Notes Account	\$4,000.00	
Paid	400.00	
		\$3,600.00
Total Notes and Bonds		\$44,800.00

FRANK W. HOIT, Treasurer.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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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 31, 1931.