

WEST AND SOUTH  
**Water Supply District**  
OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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, 1935**

## ORGANIZATION — 1934

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### Clerk

JAMES E. KINSLEY, Term expires 1935

### Water Commissioners

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Chairman	Term expires 1935
GEORGE E. CLAPP, Clerk	Term expires 1937
HOWARD J. BILLINGS	Term expires 1936

### Treasurer

CHARLES A. DURKEE, Term expires 1935

### Auditor

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Term expires 1935

### Appointments by the Water Commissioners

#### Collector

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Term expires 1935

#### Superintendent

GEORGE E. CLAPP, Term expires 1935

**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 2, 1935, 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 a Clerk for one year, a Treasurer for one year, an Auditor for one year, one Member of the Board of Water Commissioners to serve for the term of three years, and to fix salaries.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the reports of the Water Commissioners, Treasurer, Collector and other officers of the District, or any Committee appointed at any previous meeting.

Art. 4. 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.

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 nineteenth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five.

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

## WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

We present herewith our annual report for the year, ending March 15, 1935.

About the first of July, we found one of the engines in very bad condition, so much so, that when we began taking it apart, we found that twenty-two years of service it has given us had told the story, that time will wear, and also, while in the long service, they had discontinued making this type of engine, making it necessary to have the new parts especially cast for us. This made the cost nearly one-half as much as a new engine of modern type, and we would still have an obsolete engine.

Then we began looking into the advisability of replacing the old engine with a new one, and after looking at several types of oil engines, we decided on the Fairbanks Morse three cylinder upright, forty-five horse power, quick starting, closed-in type of engine which we found very highly spoken of by all that had used this type of oil engine for different kinds of work.

This new engine, which is working out very satisfactorily with us, as we are using a cheaper grade of fuel, kerosene oil, at a saving of two cents per gallon; also a saving of one gallon per hour running time. In case of emergency, we have reserve power which will increase the pumping seventy-five gallons per minute to the capacity of three hundred and seventy-five gallons per minute.

One hydrant on Massachusetts Avenue was hit by some unknown automobile and broken off. When this was replaced it was moved back and a six-inch valve put on the hydrant line. We feel we are starting this year in very good shape although some repairs may have to be made on the other engines this year.

Estimated Revenues and Receipts for this year are as follows:

Water Rates .....	\$ 9,200.00
Hydrant Rentals .....	2,825.00
Interest Account .....	75.00
Return on New Services .....	50.00
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	\$12,150.00

Estimated Expenses for Current Year:

Bond and Interest Account .....	\$ 5,360.00
Salaries Officers and Collector .....	2,300.00
Fuel and Lubricating Oils .....	675.00
Gasoline .....	145.00
Repairs .....	800.00
Labor .....	1,000.00
Insurance and Rentals .....	175.00
Miscellaneous .....	600.00
For New Services .....	150.00
Meter Repairs .....	300.00
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	\$11,505.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Water Commissioners.

## CLERK'S REPORT

### EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Standard Oil Co., lubricating oil	\$65.17
Rensselaer Valve Co., hydrant	48.28
Murphy & Snyder, printing	62.65
N. H. Tenney, machine work	21.50
Lewis E. Tracy Co., belting	6.25
N. E. T. & T. Co., pumping station 'phone	51.15
Registry Department, car registration	2.00
F. Roche, wiping rags	16.80
Geo. Reed, grass seed	4.00
Red Hed Mfg. Co., stop and wastes	6.83
Pierce's Express, express	17.45
Proctor Lumber Co., lumber	2.06
T. Parker, paint	5.40
A. Sims, fittings	1.30
Eureka Pipe Co., service pipe	86.80
J. Fitzgerald, gasoline	71.32
C. Durkee, collector's bond	30.00
W. E. Whitcomb, postage and envelopes	38.23
Acton Motor Co., cutting and welding	7.75
American Woolen Co., cutting keyway	1.75
Acton Pipe Co., steel pipe	11.35
Acton Motor Co., repairs and battery	40.50
Geo. Clapp, freight and express paid	11.62
E. Gates, forging and sharpening	10.65
Howard J. Billings, salary as commissioner	25.00
W. E. Whitcomb, salary as commissioner	25.00
G. E. Clapp, salary as commissioner and clerk	35.00
Charter Gas Engine Co., engine parts	48.81
Curtis Co., air compressor	78.77
Central Garage, tires and repairs	24.45
Braman Dow, hydrant paint and supplies	48.30
Boston Gear Co., gear	40.15
Edson Corp., pump diaphragm	6.58
Laffin's Express, express	.70
Hayward & Fullonton, machine work	5.00
Sumner & Dunbar, pipe, fittings, nipples	175.58
So. Acton Coal and Lumber, Cleercoal	79.75
R. Baker, gasoline	67.05
Bursaw Gas & Oil Co., kerosene	195.50

Fairbanks Morse Co., Diesel engine	2,975.00
P. Hederstedt, treasurer's bond and insurance	114.56
Hersey Mfg. Co., meter	19.92
M. Houghton, belt	15.00
Handlan Buck Co., lanterns	9.00
Garlock Packing Co., packing	35.06
James Kinsley, salary as clerk	5.00
David Kinsley, salary as auditor	5.00
W. E. Whitcomb, collecting water rates	191.04
B. & M. R.R., pipe privilege	13.50
J. S. Moore, brushes	5.35
C. Durkee, postage and envelopes	4.38
Eagle Oil Co., oil	22.18
A. W. Davis, trucking	18.00
Edison Electric Co., current	50.96
C. Durkee, treasurer's salary	50.00
Chandler & Farquhar, tools	18.77
A. Christofferson, trucking	6.00
A. W. Davis Co., supplies	34.03
National Meter, repairs and parts	226.14
Maynard & Acton Oil, kerosene	273.48
Way Welders, thawing pipe	14.70
Mrs. John McCarthy, garage rent	36.00
Geo. Morse, range oil	44.87
Mueller Co., bubblers	7.94
Chas. Manion, tractor	25.00
E. H. Longley, cement work	60.00
Geo. E. Clapp, salary as superintendent	1,800.00
Boston Shafting Co., shafting	16.72
O. Nichols, labor	838.80
J. Beach, labor	14.00
W. Larrabee, labor	19.00
J. Manning, reading meters	5.60
S. Paddock, labor	136.20
W. Scanlon, labor	2.80
J. Weymouth, labor	5.60
D. Clayton, labor	75.40
G. Clayton, labor	3.20
H. Feltus, labor	2.90
J. French, labor	3.20
C. Briggs, labor	3.20
J. Gallant, labor	8.80
E. Hurley, labor	1.20
W. Lawrence, labor	4.80

T. Moynihan, labor	3.00	
A. Gravidand, labor	4.00	
R. Carruth, labor	2.00	
J. Briggs, gravel	2.50	
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BOND ACCOUNT

Bonds and Notes Paid	\$4,200.00	
Interest Paid	1,218.00	
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		\$14,133.88

GEO. E. CLAPP,  
Clerk of Commissioners.



## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES

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APRIL 1, 1934 TO APRIL 1, 1935

Metered and Unmetered Water	\$9,224.99	
Installing and Repairs	327.16	
	<hr/>	\$9,552.15
Paid Treasurer		\$9,552.15

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### METERED WATER FOR ONE YEAR

Center	West	South	Total
2,008,633	6,655,650	15,029,048	23,688,331
gallons	gallons	gallons	gallons

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### WATER PUMPED AT STATION

January 1, 1934 to January 1, 1935  
40,205,714 gallons

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### NUMBER OF SERVICES NOW INSTALLED

Center	South	West	Total
92	255	259	606

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Collector

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand	\$5,876.17	
Received of W. E. Whitcomb, Collector	9,552.15	
Received of Hydrant Rentals	2,825.00	
Interest Charlestown 5 Cent	70.00	
Interest Middlesex Inst. for Savings	30.00	
Interest No. Middlesex Savings	32.50	
		\$18,385.82
Paid Commissioners' orders		14,133.88
		\$ 4,251.94

### RECONCILIATION OF CASH

On Deposit Charlestown 5 Cent Savings Bank	\$ 500.00	
On Deposit Middlesex Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
On Deposit North Middlesex Savings Bank	1,000.00	
On Deposit Concord National Bank (Checking)	1,751.94	
		\$4,251.94

### BONDS AND NOTES

Bonds Out	\$26,500.00	
Paid	3,500.00	
		\$23,000.00
Bonds Out	\$ 3,300.00	
Paid	300.00	
		\$3,000.00
Notes Out	\$ 2,400.00	
Paid	400.00	
		\$2,000.00
Total Bonds and Notes Out		\$28,000.00

C. A. DURKEE, Treasurer

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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West Acton, Mass.

March 20, 1935

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

I have found no errors or irregularities in my examination of the accounts of the Collector and Treasurer of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for the year ending March 31, 1935.

Respectfully yours,

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Auditor