

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 12, 1912*

*The Center District Accepted Section 13 of Said Act*



*Annual Report - March 31, 1946*

Murphy & Snyder, Maynard, Massachusetts

**ORGANIZATION — 1945**

**Clerk**

**JAMES E. KINSLEY, Term expires 1946**

**Water Commissioners**

<b>WALTER B. STEVENS</b>	<b>Term expires 1946</b>
<b>WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Chairman</b>	<b>Term expires 1947</b>
<b>BENJAMIN INESON</b>	<b>Term expires 1948</b>

**Treasurer**

**CARRIE M. DURKEE Term expires 1946**

**Auditor**

**DAVID R. KINSLEY, Term expires 1946**

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**Appointments by the Water Commissioners**

**Collector**

**WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Term expires 1946**

**Superintendent and Clerk**

**GEORGE E. CLAPP, Term expires 1946**

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 Act of 1912, Section 1 and 13 of said act, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in West Acton Woman's Club House, Central Street, West Acton,

Tuesday, April 2, 1946 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.

Article 2. To elect by ballot a Clerk for one year, a Treasurer for one year, an Auditor for one year and one Member of the Board of Water Commissioners to serve for the term of three years, and fix salaries of same.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Water Commissioners, Treasurer, Collector and other officers of the District or any committee appointed at any previous meetings.

Article 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 of the current year.

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the water main from the corner of Elm and Arlington Street to a short distance on Hayward Road and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation, or act anything thereon.

Inserted by Richard G. Sisson.

Article 6. To see if the Water District will rescind the vote passed at their meeting, April 6, 1943, whereby they voted to raise and appropriate Twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to extend the six-inch water main to the Maynard line on South Main Street (approximately 1,000 ft.) to connect with the Town of Maynard Water Works, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation.

Article 7. To see if the Water District will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the Water District, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the six-inch water main on Hayward Road from Main Street approximately Fifteen hundred feet (1,500 ft.), and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the six-inch water main from Main Street at Kelley's Corner on Massachusetts Avenue to Piper Road, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the voters of the West and South Water District will approve an addition to the present water district, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the present bound of the water district on Main Street, Acton Center, just north of the present residence of Wallace G. Warren (formerly of Bloomberg and earlier of Hawley) running southeasterly about 7,000 feet to Massachusetts Avenue at the junction of the property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Correction, known as the Reformatory Farm, and the estate of the late Thomas and Charlotte Manion, thence southwesterly about 2,800 feet to the line of the present water district line, about 2,000 feet south by east from Route No. 2, otherwise known as Union Turnpike.

This added section covers the residences of fifteen families. It is understood that this article if voted on favorably, will be subject to the approval of the General Court.

Article 11. To see if the voters of the West and South Water District will approve an addition to the present water district bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on Massachusetts Avenue at the Junction of the Reformatory Farm and the land of the late Thomas and Charlotte Manion running westerly along Massachusetts Avenue to the bounds of the Reformatory Farm and the land of A. Christofferson; thence along the boundary of the Massachusetts Reformatory Farm to School Street and from School Street to the Concord Line on Laws Brook Road and from there to the water bound north of Parker's Crossing. This will include a total of thirty families in that district, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies, attested by you, in three or more public places in the Water District thereof, seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by vote of the Water District.

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 twelfth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,  
BENJAMIN J. INESON,  
WALTER B. STEVENS,  
Water Commissioners.

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

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West Acton, Mass.  
March 15, 1946

To the Board of Water Commissioners  
Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I have completed an examination of the books and accounts of the District for the year ended March 1, 1946 and have found them correct in every particular.

Very truly yours,

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Auditor.

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

Your commissioners are pleased to submit the following report of the activities of your district during the past year.

We have felt it advisable to paint the standpipe with aluminum paint and can report that due to the fact it has had good care is in very good condition.

In last year's report you were advised that a section of 2" pipe on Stow Road required replacement on account of poor condition. This replacement consisted of 565 ft. and was replaced with 6" transit pipe.

A much needed extension on Martin Street, South Acton, was put in, using 1000 ft. of 6" transit pipe.

Two new hydrants were installed and six new house services were completed.

For the past several years your commissioners have had under consideration the building of an office at the Pumping Station. It is a pleasure to report this project has been completed this last year and our superintendent will welcome any one who wishes to inspect it. We had ample funds to cover the expenditures made without borrowing.

Your board has reduced the yearly hydrant rental to the town from \$25.00 each to \$22.50 each, feeling that the reduction would assist all tax payers.

Your Collector of water revenue, Mr. W. E. Whitcomb, who has served the District long and faithfully, has tendered his resignation as Collector and insisted that it be accepted. Mr. Whitcomb remains on the Board of Directors and we hope he will be with us for many years to come.

Our new Collector will be Mr. G. E. Clapp, who, while new as a Collector, is old as your Superintendent. He will be at the Water Department Offices, at the Pumping Station, Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. to accept payment of water rates.

Your commissioners call your attention to the several articles in our warrant this year pertaining to extensions; also, an article requesting the extension of our District.

May we suggest you attend the Annual Meeting, Tuesday evening, April 2nd, at the Women's Club House, West Acton, Massachusetts at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO E. WHITCOMB,  
WALTER B. STEVENS,  
BENJAMIN J. INESON.

## WATER MEETING

Abstract of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton held in G.A.R. Hall, West Acton.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1945, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Chose David R. Kinsley, Moderator of the meeting.

Article 2. To elect by ballot a clerk for one year, a treasurer for one year, an auditor for one year and one member of the board of water commissioners to serve for the term of three years, and fix salaries of same.

Elected: James E. Kinsley, Clerk for one year.

Elected: Carrie M. Durkee, Treasurer for one year.

Elected: David R. Kinsley, Auditor for one year.

Elected: Benjamin J. Ineson, Water Commissioner for three years.

Voted: To fix the salaries at the same rate as last year.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Water Commissioners, Treasurer, Collector and other officers of the District or any committee appointed at any previous meeting.

Voted: To accept the report of the District Officers.

Article 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 of the current year.

Voted: That the District Treasurer with the approval of the Water Commissioners be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning April 1, 1945 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 5. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to employ for additional compensation any of their members and fix additional compensation of such member as provided in section 4A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Voted: That the Board of Water Commissioners be and are hereby authorized to appoint any member of the Board as Collector of Water Rates and that the salary of said officer be the same as last year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

JAMES E. KINSLEY, Clerk.

## CLERK'S REPORT

### Expenditures

Acton Monumental Co. — Compressor....	\$63.00 ✓
Aubuchon Co. — Ladder & Hardware ....	13.20 ✓
Acton Pipe Co. — Fittings.....	1.64 ✓
Bursaw Gas & Oil Co. — Diesel Fuel ....	611.01 ✓
A. Batley — Flowers .....	5.00 ✓
B. & M. R.R. — Pipe Privileges .....	8.10 ✓
H. D. Burke — Mason Work .....	218.14 ✓
Badger Meter Co. — Meters .....	25.04 ✓
C. C. Cullinane — Express .....	3.41 ✓
Geo. E. Clapp — Freight, Postage and carfare paid out .....	24.25 ✓
Cement Lined Pipe Co. — Service Pipe	145.98
A. W. Davis Co. — Supplies .....	30.25 ✓
C. A. Durkee Ins. Agency — Treasurer and Collector Bonds .....	45.00 ✓
C. M. Durkee — Postage & Envelopes....	6.19 ✓
DeLux Filter Co. — Oil Filters .....	13.22 ✓
Darling Valve Co. — 6" valve .....	26.07
Edison Co. — Current .....	132.32 ✓
Electro Rust Proof Co. — Stand Pipe Service .....	64.00 ✓
Eureka Pipe Co. — Service Pipe .....	251.74 ✓
James Fitzgerald — Gas, Tires & Repair	211.42 ✓
Fairbanks-Morse Co. — Engine Parts ....	71.16 ✓
A. Gravlin — Plowing & Sand .....	9.00 ✓
Greenough Construction Co. — Digging and Laying Pipe .....	3,240.00
T. Groom & Co. — Ledger .....	7.55
E. Gaters — Sharpening Tools .....	9.00
Harkins Machine Co. — Machine Work	40.42
A. W. Hartwell — Lumber .....	28.65
Hersey Meter Co. — Repairs .....	52.09
Hawes Motor Co. — Parts .....	3.54
B. J. Ineson — Fittings & Heater Repair	12.00
Ideal Concrete Co. — Cement Blocks ....	57.81
Johns Manville Co. — 6" Pipe .....	1,281.92
Johns Barker Co. — Valves, Fittings and Couplings .....	183.96
Wm. Kazookas — Dynamite & Labor ....	23.75
Laffin's Garage — Repairs .....	52.32
Theron Lowden — Liability & Burglar Insurance .....	156.76
A. Lee — Rubber Boots .....	7.98
R. O. Leonard — Painting Stand Pipe ....	525.00
Murphy & Snyder — Printing .....	70.74



Mass. Treasurer — Auditing Books .....	112.85
Maynard & Acton Oil Co. — Kerosene ....	252.63
Mass. Reformatory — Table & Chairs....	67.50
Mrs. J. MacCarthy — Garage Rent .....	33.00
N. E. T. & T. Co. — Station Telephone....	60.37
New Eng. Waterworks Assoc. — dues	12.00
New Eng. Meter Co. — Meter Repairs....	38.02
H. Prescott Co. — Valves and Supplies....	26.80
Wm. Proctor Co. — Lumber & Cement	254.96
Public Works Supply Co. — Cast Iron	
Fittings .....	50.94
Arthur Pike Co. — Belting .....	58.64
Pittsburg Meter Co. — Meter Parts .....	37.69
Red Hed Mfg. Co. — Goosenecks .....	142.33
S. A. Coal Co. — Coal .....	6.00
Sumner & Dunbar — 6" Couplings .....	10.18
San Nel Co. — Gravel .....	15.60
Smith & Co. — Express .....	1.87
Tackney's Express — Express .....	.75
Town Shop — Supplies .....	12.10
Texas Co. — Lubricating Oil .....	66.02
Underwood Co. — Machine Repairs .....	9.14
Waldo E. Whitcomb — Envelopes and	
Postage .....	59.69
Waldo E. Whitcomb — Collecting water	
rates .....	223.65
Geo. E. Clapp — Supt. Salary .....	2,030.40
O. Nichols — Labor .....	1,551.06
Carrie M. Durkee — Treasurer Salary....	50.00
Waldo E. Whitcomb — Comm. Salary ....	25.00
Walter B. Stevens — Comm. Salary .....	25.00
Benjamin J. Ineson — Comm. Salary ....	25.00
James E. Kinsley — Dist. Clerk Salary	10.00
David R. Kinsley — Auditor .....	10.00
J. D. Smith — Labor .....	145.21
W. Prentiss — Labor .....	76.68
R. Nichols — Labor .....	9.12
J. Douglas — Labor .....	36.72
J. Conquest — Labor .....	14.04
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	\$13,293.59

#### Bond Account

Merchants Nat'l Bank — Bond Paid .....	\$2,000.00
Merchants Nat'l Bank — Interest Paid	315.00
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	2,315.00
	\$15,608.59

GEORGE E. CLAPP,  
Clerk of Commissioners.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash on hand March 31, 1945 .....	\$13,630.25	
Received from W. E. Whitcomb .....	11,182.46	
Hydrant Rentals .....	3,200.00	
No. Middlesex Savings Bank Interest....	90.00	
Middlesex Institution for Savings Int.	83.33	
Assabet Institution for Savings Interest	37.50	
Pumping Cellar .....	9.00	
Sold Filing Cabinet .....	35.00	
Return on Oil Drum .....	4.00	
Return Dividend on Insurance .....	5.34	
		<hr/> \$28,276.88
 Paid Commissioners Orders .....	 \$15,608.59	
Service Charge, Concord Nat'l Bank ....	1.05	
		<hr/> 15,609.64
		<hr/> \$12,667.24
 Withholding Tax Payable .....		 31.00
		<hr/> \$12,698.24

**Reconciliation of Cash**

North Middlesex Savings Bank .....	\$4,500.00	
Middlesex Institution for Savings .....	5,000.00	
Assabet Institution for Savings .....	2,500.00	
Checking Account, Concord .....	126.52	
Cash on hand .....	571.72	
		<hr/> \$12,698.24

**Bond Account**

Bonds out March 31, 1945 .....	\$18,000.00	
Bonds paid .....	2,000.00	
		<hr/> \$16,000.00

CARRIE M. DURKEE, Treasurer.

*Year 1945*  
*1945*  
*1946*

*Checking acct. 5530.<sup>00</sup>*  
*1069824*

*10 16228.24*

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES

April 1, 1945 to April 1, 1946

Metered and Unmetered Water .....	\$10,825.41
Installing and Repairs .....	357.05
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	\$11,182.46
 Paid Treasurer .....	 11,182.46
Uncollected Water Rates as of March 1, 1946 .....	144.77

### Metered Water for One Year

Center .....	3,780,353 gals.
South .....	16,347,975 gals.
West .....	12,775,519 gals.
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Total .....	32,903,847 gals.

### Number of Services Installed

Center .....	119
West .....	320
South .....	285
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Total .....	715

### Water Pumped at Station

41,276,300 gallons

Pumping time for 1945 .....	3,173 hrs.
Water used Cooling Engines at Station.....	317,300 gals.
Water used through Fountains .....	317,356 gals.

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Collector.

## STATE AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

As instructed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for the period from July 23, 1944, the date of the previous examination, to November 7, 1945, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed, and the payments were checked to the district commissioners' orders authorizing the disbursement of district funds. The cash book footings were proved, and the cash balance on November 7, 1945 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by examination of the savings bank books.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the district collector were examined and checked in detail. The charges for water rates and services outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent charges, as recorded, were audited and checked in detail. The collector's cash book was added and the reported payments to the district treasurer were verified by comparison with the receipts recorded by the treasurer. The recorded abatements were checked to the district commissioners' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved. Notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts as listed are correct.

The collector's cash balance on November 7, 1945 was verified by actual count of the cash on hand.

A balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the district as of November 7, 1945, and is appended to this report.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and a summary of the water accounts receivable.

During the progress of the audit, co-operation was extended by all district officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

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