

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, 1947*

**ORGANIZATION — 1946**

**Clerk**

JAMES E. KINSLEY, Term expires 1947

**Water Commissioners**

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Chairman	Term expires 1947
BENJAMIN INESON	Term expires 1948
WALTER B. STEVENS	Term expires 1949

**Treasurer**

CARRIE M. DURKEE Term expires 1947

**Auditor**

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Term expires 1947

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**Appointments by the Water Commissioners**

**Superintendent, Clerk and Collector**

GEORGE E. CLAPP, Term expires 1947

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 West Acton Woman's Club House, Central Street, West Acton.

Tuesday, April 1, 1947, 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 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 6. To see if the Water District will vote to require guarantee on all new extensions of four percent on cost for a period of ten years or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Water District will vote to transfer any unexpended balance from Articles 5, 8 and 9 at the Annual Meeting April 2, 1946, to the General Fund 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 water main from Main Street, South Acton, to the farm of Timothy Hennessey, Prospect Street 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 Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the six inch water main on High Street from the hydrant near Mrs. Rawitser's house to the southerly side of Conant Street 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 Supply District will approve an addition to the present Water District bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound marking the Northeasterly corner of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton on Main Street near the residence of Wallace G. Warren, formerly of Henry H. Hawley, Jr.; thence North  $31^{\circ}$  West 1000 feet to a monument; thence North  $49^{\circ}$  East 4224 feet to Nagog Brook at a point where it intersects Main Street; thence Southeasterly along said Nagog Brook about 845 feet to a point where it intersects Nashoba Brook; thence Southerly along Nashoba Brook 6600 feet to the point where said brook intersects a line drawn from the stone monument first mentioned to a stone monument on Keefe Road on the Acton-Concord Town line; thence from said point of intersection  $31^{\circ}$  East 4488 feet to the Acton-Concord Town line at said stone monument on Keefe Road; thence Southwesterly on said Acton-Concord Town line 14,572 feet to the corner of the towns of Acton, Concord, Sudbury and Maynard; thence Northwesterly on the town line between Acton and Maynard 7392 feet to a stone monument on said boundary line and on the westerly side of Main Street on road from South Acton to Maynard; thence North  $56^{\circ} 15'$  East about 5984 feet to a stone monument on the Easterly side of Parker Street, formerly known as Sudbury Road; thence North  $11^{\circ} 50'$  East about 13,195 feet to the place of beginning, the last two lines being boundary lines of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton.

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 sixth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

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

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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West Acton, Mass.

March 21, 1947

Board of Water Commissioners,  
Acton, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I have completed an examination of the District's accounts for the year ending February 28, 1947 and believe that they are correct.

Very truly yours,

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Auditor.

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

March 8, 1947.

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

Five new hydrants were installed and thirteen new house services were completed.

Investigation is under way in regard to replacing the present Diesel Motor at your pumping station with an electric motor.

Mains have been laid and services connected as articles five and eight on Haywood Road, resurfacing will be done when weather permits.

Article nine Extension on Massachusetts Avenue has not been completed and we expect to resume the work early this Spring.

Our Collector, Mr. G. E. Clapp, will be at the Water Department Offices at the Pumping Station, Tuesday and Friday afternoons from two to five 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 1st at the Women's Club House, West Acton, Massachusetts at eight P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## WATER MEETING

Abstract of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton held in West Acton Woman's Club House.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1946, at Eight 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.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers:

Ormal Laffin	George Braman
George Rifford	Theron Lowden

Vote on Water Commissioner for three years:

Walter B. Stevens .....	92
George Best .....	10
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Elected: Walter B. Stevens, 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 meetings.

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 March 1, 1946 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 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.

Voted: Yes 65 No 32 to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 to extend 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 appropriations.

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 feet) 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.

Voted: To rescind the article.

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.

Voted: To instruct the Board of Water Commissioners to have an annual audit of the various accounts of the Water District under the direction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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.

Voted: Unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5000 to extend 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.

Article 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the





## WEST AND SOUTH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON

WEST ACTON, MASS., April 8, 1947

You will find below the action taken at the annual meeting of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton on April 1, 1947:

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

Beginning at a stone bound marking the North-easterly corner of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton on Main Street near the residence of Wallace G. Warren, formerly of Henry H. Hawley, Jr.; thence North ~~1000~~ West 1000 feet to a monument; thence North 49° East 4224 feet to Nagog Brook at a point where it intersects Main Street; thence Southeasterly along said Nagog Brook about 845 feet to a point where it intersects Washoba Brook; thence Southerly along Washoba Brook 6600 feet to the point where said brook intersects a line drawn from the stone monument first mentioned to a stone monument on Keefe Road on the Acton-Concord Town line; thence from said point of intersection 31° East 4488 feet to the Acton-Concord Town line at said stone monument on Keefe Road; thence Southwesterly on said Acton-Concord Town line 14,572 feet to the corner of the towns of Acton, Concord, Sudbury and Maynard; thence Northwesterly on the town line between Acton and Maynard 7392 feet to a stone monument on said boundary line and on the westerly side of Main Street on road from South Acton to Maynard; thence North 56° 15' East about 5984 feet to a stone monument on the Easterly side of Parker Street, formerly known as Sudbury Road; thence North 11° 50' East about 13,195 feet to the place of beginning, the last two line being boundary lines of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton.

Voted: Unanimously to approve an addition to the present Water District bounded and described as above.

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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.

Voted: Unanimously to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to extend 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.

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 south easterly 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.

Motion made by Waldo E. Whitcomb.

Voted: Unanimously to accept 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.

Amendment moved by Waldo E. Whitcomb.

Voted: Unanimously to extend the District to include the following:

Beginning at the present bound of the Water District on Main Street just north of the residence of Wallace G. War-

ren running southerly to a bound on Keith Street at Concord line, then following the Concord line to Maynard line, then Maynard line to bound on South Main Street Corner Maynard, Acton and Stow.

With the understanding that any one or any group of water takers shall guarantee a revenue of at least 4% on the cost of construction for ten years from the time services are connected.

Amendment to Amendment moved by Albert R. Jenks.

Voted: Unanimously to amend the amendment to add a section bounded as follows: Starting at bound on Main Street at Warren's running northerly 1000 feet then easterly to Nashoba Brook thence southerly along Nashoba Brook to intersection proposed new line then northerly along new line to point of beginning.

Moved by Albert R. Jenks.

Voted: Unanimously that the Water Commissioners be instructed to petition the Legislature for authority to extend the West and South Water Supply District to add the areas voted under Article 10, as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 P. M.

JAMES E. KINSLEY, Clerk.

## CLERK'S REPORT

### Expenditures

Acton Monumental Co., Compressor ....	\$14.00
Acton Motor Co., Repairs .....	57.95
Acton Pipe Co., Fittings .....	6.12
Allen Bros., Stamp .....	2.40
American Bank Note Co., Ptg. Bonds ....	34.25
American Chain & Cable Co., 6" Valves	96.76
Ayer Motor Co., Express .....	10.20
Badger Meter Co., Meters .....	74.10
Boston Herald, Advertising .....	21.60
Boston & Main R. R., Freight .....	3.77
Boston & Maine R. R., Pipe privilege ....	10.80
Bursaw, Gas & Oil Co., Diesel fuel .....	864.34
C. C. Cullinane, Express .....	1.96
Capitol Motor Co., Express .....	1.08
Cement Lined Pipe Co., 1" pipe .....	151.78
Chesterton Co., Packing & valves .....	30.21
Geo. E. Clapp, Carfare, Frt. & Expense paid .....	55.68
Post Office Dept., Envelopes & postage	31.43
Concord Water Dept., Labor .....	9.12
J. Conquest, Labor .....	8.64
Darling Valve Co., 8" valves .....	96.27
A. W. Davis, Trucking .....	65.93
DeLuxe Filter Co., Filters .....	9.31
Director of Accounts, Certifying bonds	30.00
C. A. Durkee Ins., Treas. & Collectors bonds .....	45.00
C. M. Durkee, postage .....	1.35
Geo. A. Caldwell Co., Couplings .....	43.29
Eddy Valve Co., Valves .....	164.08
Edison Co., Current .....	73.20
Electro Rust Proof Co., Standpipe ser- vice .....	64.00
Eureka Pipe Co., Service pipe .....	802.86
Fairbanks Morse Co., Parts and service	80.09
James Fitzgerald, Gas and repairs .....	186.10
Garlock Packing, Pump packing .....	53.71
E. Gates, Sharpening and forging .....	14.00
N. Gilbert, Labor .....	11.64
Hersey Meter Co., Meters .....	228.50
Benj. Ineson, Record books and fittings	13.00
J. & K. Tire Co., Retread .....	6.00
Johns Manville Co., Transite pipe .....	5,743.07
Johnson Barker Co., Valves and fittings	194.61
J. Kapon, Aabor .....	5.00
Cathryn Kinsley, Clerical work .....	5.00

Laffin's Express, Express .....	3.25
Laffin's Garage, Tires and repairs .....	114.71
Lee Hydraulic Co., Valve boxes .....	105.60
J. Lent, Labor .....	5.00
Theron A. Lowden, Liability insurance ..	95.50
MacMillan Oil Co., Lub. oil .....	50.75
J. McDennet, Carpenter work .....	3.00
Mass. Treasurer, Auditing books .....	126.23
Maynard & Acton Oil Co., Kerosene .....	202.87
Murphy & Snyder, Printing .....	91.59
Mrs. John McCarthy, Garage rent .....	36.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Station telephone...	77.61
N. E. Meter Co., Parts and repairs .....	69.30
N. E. Waterworks Asso., Dues .....	6.00
Newton Construction Co., Contract .....	3,644.34
L. Nichols, Water reports .....	3.24
H. Owen, Labor .....	3.75
Pipe Founders Sale Co., Cast iron fittings .....	356.13
Pittsburg Meter Co., Meters .....	69.30
G. Prentiss, Clerical work .....	13.10
R. M. Prentiss & Son, Light .....	37.50
W. Prentiss, Labor .....	11.57
H. R. Prescott, Co., Valves and fittings	297.92
Public Works Supply Co., Cast iron fittings .....	47.27
Red Hed Mfg., Brass goods .....	152.31
Reed Express Co., Express .....	1.80
Reed Coal and Grain, Coke .....	18.84
Rensaeller Valve Co., Hydrants & valves	881.22
Reynard Express, Express .....	1.85
S. A. Woolen Co., Wipers .....	4.80
Sumner & Dunbar Co., Gaskets & fittings .....	46.95
Tackney Express, Express .....	2.04
Texas Co., Lub. oil .....	104.08
Textile Products Co., Wipers .....	11.20
Town of Acton, Repairing road .....	79.20
Town Shop, Supplies .....	54.54
Horace Tuttle, Map .....	15.00
Underwood, Machine paper .....	.75
Whitman & Howard, Engineers .....	1,378.00
Woman's Club, Rent .....	6.00
A. W. Wunderly, Legal Services .....	250.00
George E. Clapp, Supt. Salary .....	2,400.00
O. Nichols, Labor .....	941.90
A. Gilbert, Labor .....	582.65
M. G. Curley, Labor .....	918.50
W. E. Whitcomb, Salary as Comm. ....	25.00

Walter B. Stevens, Salary as Comm. ....	25.00	
Benj. J. Ineson, Salary as Comm. ....	25.00	
Carrie M. Durkee, Treasurer's Salary ....	50.00	
David R. Kinsley, Auditor .....	10.00	
James E. Kinsley, Dist. Clerk .....	10.00	
		\$22,590.35

**Bond Account**

Merchants National Bank, Bond paid .....	\$2,000.00	
Merchants National Bank, Interest paid .....	280.00	
First Nat'l Bank of Ayer, Interest paid .....	125.00	
		\$2,405.00
		\$25,295.35

GEORGE E. CLAPP,  
Clerk of Commissioners.

**REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES**

March 1, 1946 to March 1, 1947

Metered and Unmetered Water .....	\$11,513.65
Installing and Repairs .....	545.74
	\$12,059.39
Paid Treasurer .....	\$12,059.39
Uncollected Water Rates .....	47.10

**Metered Water for One Year**

Center .....	4,259,029 gals.
South .....	17,566,996 gals.
West .....	13,059,831 gals.
Total .....	34,885,856 gals.

**Number of Services in Use March 1, 1947**

Center .....	114
West .....	319
South .....	287
Total .....	720

Number of Hydrants Installed ..... 135

**Water Pumped at Station**

49,272,400 gallons

Pumping time for 1946 .....	4,089 hrs.
Water used Cooling Engines at Station .....	756,465 gals.
Water used through Fountains .....	317,356 gals.

GEORGE E. CLAPP, Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**West & South Water District of Acton, Mass.**

**March 1, 1947**

Cash on Hand .....	\$12,698.24	
Received from George E. Clapp .....	12,059.39	
Hydrant rentals .....	2,925.00	
Interest from savings Banks .....	187.50	
Refund on Insurance .....	5.65	
Refund, John Manville Co. ....	57.22	
Credit on Drum .....	4.00	
Loan from First National Bank of Ayer	25,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$52,937.00
Paid Commissioners Orders .....	25,295.35	
Service charge .....	3.85	
Paid Withholding Tax .....	31.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$25,330.20
		<u>          </u>
		27,606.80
Withholding Tax Payable .....	61.00	
		<u>          </u>
		\$27,667.80

**Reconciliation of Cash**

Concord National Bank .....	\$3,125.30	
First National Bank, Ayer .....	14,542.50	
Middlesex Institution for Savings .....	3,000.00	
Assabet Institution for Savings .....	2,500.00	
North Middlesex Institution for Savings	4,500.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$27,667.80
Bonds out March 1, 1946 .....	\$16,000.00	
Bonds paid .....	2,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$14,000.00
Bonds out March 1, 1947 .....		25,000.00
		<u>          </u>
		\$39,000.00

CARRIE M. DURKEE, Treasurer

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