1951 Annual Report

OF THE

West and South WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

of Acton, Massachusetts

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31st



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

Murphy & Snyder, Inc. な Maynard, Mass.

ORGANIZATION — 1951

Clerk

MRS. BERYL B. SILVA, Term expires 1952

Water Commissioners

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, Chairman	Term	expires	1953
HARLAN E. TUTTLE	Term	expires	1952
EDWIN CHRISTOFFERSON	Term	expires	1954

Treasurer

ORMAL S. LAFFIN

Term expires 1952

Auditor

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Term expires 1952

Appointments by the Water Commissioners

Superintendent and Clerk of Commissioners RAY L. HARRIS, Term expires 1952

Collector

RAYMOND A. GALLANT, Term expires 1952

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, Section 1 and 13 of said Act, and new extensions accepted by the District qualified to vote in election and town affairs to assemble in:

Town Hall, Acton Center
Monday, February 18, 1952 at Eight o'clock P. M.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

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, one member of the Board of Water Commissioners to serve for the term of three years, and one member of the Board of Water Commissioners to serve the term of one year to fill vacancy.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Water Commissioners, the Treasurer, the 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 raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of installing a six-inch water main, one hydrant, and necessary fittings northerly from Massachusetts Avenue a distance of approximately 350 feet to a proposed new School Building, 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 at the request of the Special School Building Survey Committee.) Carl Christofferson, Chairman, Thomas Motley, Marion Reed, Porter Jenks.

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 returns 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 twenty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fiftytwo.

> WALDO E. WHITCOMB, HARLAN E. TUTTLE, EDWIN H. CHRISTOFFERSON, Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Your commissioners report as follows covering the activities of your District for the year 1951:

During the past year we had considerable trouble on Main Street, Massachusetts Avenue and Taylor Road water mains due to construction companies working on the new highway. These were overcome, however, without a great deal of interruption in the water service.

Repairs made at the pumping station included shingling tool shed roof, painting the outside walls to waterproof the cement blocks and some grading has been done to the grounds. This work has been done by the men in the department in odd hours between jobs, therefor the cost was kept at a minimum. Most of the loam and fill was given to us by a contractor working on the new highway.

The hydrant at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Davis Terrace has been removed and placed at a new location near Fitzgeralds Garage.

The work is proceeding on installing the gravel-packed well which is nearly completed.

Plans are being made to install a pump and put up a suitable building over same as soon as well is completed.

We have laid approximately 124 feet of 8 inch cast iron pipe under the new State Highway at Hosmer Street, as we felt that this was the proper time to have this installed as we would not be able to do any excavating across this highway for some time.

The department in anticipating the purchase of an aircompressor and necessary tools as we feel we are in need of same.

Article 8, of the regular meeting, no action has been taken on this.

Article 2, of the special meeting of July 16, 1951, the work has been started and will be completed this summer.

Article 3, of the special meeting of July 16, 1951, this extension has been completed.

Article 2, of the special meeting of October 15, 1951, on Orchard Drive, this is under construction.

Article 3, of the special meeting of October 15, 1951, on Piper Road, this is under construction.

Article 4, of the special meeting of October 15, 1951, on Central Street, this is under construction, work has not been completed.

Article 5, of the special meeting of October 15, 1951, Rex Corporation, this work has been completed.

A total of 68 new services were installed this year.

West Acton	34
South Acton	25
Acton Center	9

Estimated Revenues and Receipts — 1952

Water Rates	\$44,000.00	
Hydrant Rentals	4,325.00	
Interest Account		
Installing and Repairs		
		\$50,500.00

Estimated Expenses for the Current Year

Bond and Interest Account Salaries, Officers and Collector Fuel and Lubricating Oils Electric Lights, Telephone Gasoline Repairs, Including Meters Labor Insurance Rentals	12,000.00 200.00 3,500.00 350.00 200.00 300.00	
	300.00 500.00 6 00.00	
Compressor		

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Estimated Gain

\$12,610.00

WALDO E. WHITCOMB, HARLAN E. TUTTLE, EDWIN H. CHRISTOFFERSON, Water Commissioners.

WATER MEETING

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1951, 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 to fix salaries of same.

Elected: Mrs. Beryl B. Silva, Clerk for one year. Elected: Ormal S. Laffin, Treasurer for one year. David R. Kinsley, Auditor for one year.

Elected: Edwin Christofferson, 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, the Treasurer, the Collector and other officers of the District or any committee appointed at any previous meetings.

Voted: To accept the report of the District officers and committees.

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 the financial year beginning, January 1, 1951, 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 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 6. To see if the Water District will vote to require a guarantee on all extensions for a period of ten years or act anything thereon.

Voted: To require a guarantee of 4% on all extensions

for a period of ten years.

Article 7. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) to build a new gravel packed well and a building and install a suitable pump with motor to connect with the main water line, which would be a complete auxiliary to our present Pumping Station or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) to build a new gravel packed well and a building and install a suitable pump with motor to connect with the main water line, which would be a complete auxiliary to our present Pumping Station, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation.

Total Vote: Yes 45; No 21.

Article 8. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$8,500.) for the purpose of extending the water main from the present main on Taylor Road, to corner of Woodlawn Lane and Taylor Road. Thence on Woodlawn Lane to house of Herbert Leusher, thence southeasterly on Forest Road to the house of Theodore Weyn and Roland Wood, a distance of approximately seventeen hundred (1,700) feet more or less, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$8,500) for the purpose of extending the water main from the present main on Taylor Road, to corner of Woodlawn Lane and Taylor Road. Thence on Woodlawn Lane to house of Herbert Leusher, thence southeasterly on Forest Road to the house of Theodore Weyn and Roland Wood, a distance of approximately seventeen hundred (1,700) feet more or less, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation.

Total Vote: Yes 54; No 5.

Article 9. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of extending the water main existing now on Robbins Street at home of Albert Braman to farm of David F. Penney a distance of approximately thirteen hundred (1,300) feet or act anything thereon.

Total vote: 55. Yes 29; No 26.

Motion failed to pass.

Article 10. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of extending the water main from the residence of Mrs. William Rawitser on High Street, south a distance of approximately fifteen hundred (1,500) feet to the residence of George T. Elliott, Jr., 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: To pass over the article.

Article 11. To see if the District will vote to transfer any unexpended balances from Articles 9, 11, and 14 of April 4, 1950 meeting and Article 5 of May 22, 1950 meeting, to the general fund or act anything thereon.

Voted: Unanimously to transfer any unexpended balances from Articles 9, 11, and 14 of April 4, 1950 meeting and Article 5 of May 22, 1950 meeting, to the general fund.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to raise money by taxation to cover current expenses and fix salary of Assessors and Tax Collector or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Voted to adjourn at 8:55 P. M.

A true copy. Attest:

BERYL B. SILVA, District Clerk.

WATER MEETING

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

MONDAY, JULY 16, 1951, 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 see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing and installing a six-inch water main, one hydrant, and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately seven hundred (700) feet in an easterly direction on Arlington Street from the intersection of Hayward Road, provided Norman L. Perkins pays for the excavation, laying of pipes, and the back filling of the ditch, 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: To raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars for the purpose of providing and installing a six-inch water main, one hydrant, and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately seven hundred (700) feet in an easterly direction on Arlington Street from the intersection of Hayward Road, provided Norman L. Perkins pays for the excavation, laying of pipes, and the back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars, if necessary, to meet said appropriation. This extension not to carry the four percent (4%) guarantee for a period of ten (10) years.

(Unanimous vote)

Article 3. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet northerly on Central Street and about five hundred seventy-five (575) feet on Blanchard Road to Acton-Boxboro town line, provided A. R. Jenks and Louis A. Flerra pay for the excavation, laying of pipe and back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow if necessary, such sums as may be needed to meet said appropriation or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet northerly on Central Street and about five hundred seventy-five (575) feet on Blanchard Road to Acton-Boxboro town line, provided A. R. Jenks and Louis A. Flerra pay for the excavation, laying of pipe and back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow, if necessary, one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars to meet said appropriation. This extension not to carry the four percent (4%) guarantee for a period of ten years.

(Unanimous vote)

Voted to adjourn at 8:15 P. M.

A true copy. Attest:

BERYL BANCROFT SILVA, District Clerk.

WATER MEETING

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1951, 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 see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the purpose of extending a six-inch water main with necessary fittings for a distance of approximately five hundred (500) feet northerly in a proposed extension of Orchard Drive toward Nashoba Road, provided A. R. Jenks pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow eight hundred dollars (\$800), if necessary, to meet said appropriation or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the purpose of extending a six-inch water main with necessary fittings for a distance of approximately

five hundred (500) feet northerly in a proposed extension of Orchard Drive toward Nashoba Road, provided A. R. Jenks pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow eight hundred dollars (\$800), if necessary, to meet said appropriation; this extension does not carry a four percent (4%) guarantee.

Total vote: 41. Yes 32; No 9.

Article 3. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200), for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately five hundred (500) feet easterly in a proposed new street off Piper Road at a point between the residence of Donald P. Severance and the residence of Ralph W. Piper, provided A. R. Jenks pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch on private land, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200), if necessary, to meet said appropriation or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately five hundred (500) feet easterly in a proposed new street off Piper Road at a point between the residence of Donald P. Severance and the residence of Ralph W. Piper, provided A. R. Jenks pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch on private land, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200)), if necessary, to meet said appropriation; this extension does not carry a four percent (4%) guarantee.

Total vote: 38. Yes 33; No 5.

Article 4. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately seven hundred (700) feet easterly in a proposed new street off Central Street at a point near the residence of Francis E. Klitsch, provided P. G. Jenks pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch on private land, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if necessary, to meet said appropriation or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately seven hundred (700) feet easterly in a proposed new street off Central Street at a point near the residence of Francis E. Klitsch, provided P. G. Jenks pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch on private land, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if necessary, to meet said appropriation; this extension does not carry a four percent (4%) guarantee.

Unanimous vote.

Article 5. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and the necessary fittings for a distance of seven hundred fifty (750) feet northerly along Hayward Road, starting from the present water main at the corner of Hayward and Charter Roads, provided the REX CORPORATION pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if necessary, to meet said appropriation, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and the necessary fittings for a distance of seven hundred fifty (750) feet northerly along Hayward Road, starting from the present water main at the corner of Hayward and Charter Roads, provided the REX CORPORATION pays for the excavation, laying of pipe, and back filling of the ditch, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), if necessary, to meet said appropriation; this extension does not carry a four percent (4%) guarantee.

Total vote: 34. Yes 32; No 2. Voted to adjourn at 8:45 P. M.

A true copy. Attest:

BERYL BANCROFT SILVA, District Clerk.

CLERK'S REPORT

Maintenance Account

Acton Monumental Co., Compressor and labor	\$114.75
Acton Welding Co., Welding Acton Supply Co., Supplies	78.32 7.50 286.53
Ayer Motor, Express	1.15
Fire Extinguisher Acton Center Fire Co., Boiler and	60.00
Radiators	25.00 3.28 33.00
B. & M. Railroad, Pipe Privilege Bursaw Gas & Oil, Kerosene, Boiler and	10.80
Burner The Beacon, Advertising Bahr, Raymond F., Pipe Pusher Badger Meter Co., Meters Balduff, Russell, Tractor and Labor	525.84 24.50 315.36 529.20 10.00
Cavalier, Leo, Welding	8.50 49.06 142.24 3.70
Coffey, Martin & Son Inc., Tubing	59.23
Durkee Ins. Agency, Bonds and Insurance Desautel's Sign Co., Lettering truck	452.51 16.00
Edison Electric Co., Light and Power Electro Rust Proof Co., Standpipe Service	3,362.84 226.00
Fitzgerald's Garage, Gas and Oil	346.35 201.24 21.75 115.35 29.35 36.94 16.42
Gallant, Raymond, PostageGravelin, A., Gravel	35.66 18.00

Gaynor, G., Drilling, Tapping Water	
Main	109.00 242.70 117.00
Hall, R. P. Inc., Switches and Repairs Hobbs and Warren, Inc., Ledger Hedge and Matthews, Water Pump Harris, Ray L., Office Supplies Harris, Ray L., Lumber for Tool Shed	78.51 10.28 289.15 13.50
Floor	84.66 2,600.14 49.78
	4.26
Ineson, B. J., Oil	27.50
Johns-Manville, Transite Pipe	536.45
Laffin, Ormal, Postage Laffins Garage, Truck Laffins Garage, Parts Lindsay, P. K., Wedges and Drill Lothrop, Frank B. & Co., Machine Work Lucas Construction Co., Damage to	12.93 1,939.37 23.80 24.70 11.25
Truck	$ 46.37 \\ 9.00 \\ 607.24 $
Middlesex County System, Pension Fund Maynard & Acton Oil Co., Fuel Mass. Treasurer, Auditing Books Murphy & Snyder, Printing Maynard Supply Company, Pipe and Fittings McCarthy, Est. Mrs. John, Garage Rent MacDonald, John A., Co., Copper Tubing Morey, James D., Labor	397.20 84.91 75.54 238.15 281.66 5.00 264.74 15.00
New England Meter Co., Repairs New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Station Telephone	52.44 118.54
Proctor, William Co., Supplies	89.86 80.00 7.82 115.25 3.75
Red Hed Mfg. Co., Supplies	129.97

Rockwell Mfg. Co., Meters	1,058.40 35.34 16.00	
San-Vel Construction Co., Cement Silva, Beryl B., Typing Sparling Meter Service, Meter Parts Salvucci, Peter, Installing water pipe at Hosmer Street and Center Fire	46.00 10.00 39.08	
Station Sandberg Equipment Co., Shovels Sumner & Dunbar, Copper Tubing and fittings	554.90 13.00 3,560.92	
Town Shop, Supplies	33.05 20.49 67.00	
Utilities Supply Corp., Large Fittings	330.72	
Whitman & Howard, Engineers	$102.51 \\ 9.32 \\ 27.00$	
E. Davis, Collecting Water Tax Emery Nelson, Hauling Loam Ray L. Harris, Salary Robert W. Howe, Labor James C. Howe, Labor Robert Reynolds, Labor Chauncey Fenton, Jr., Labor John McGuire, Labor Stedman Campbell, Labor Henry Thatcher, Labor Waldo E. Whitcomb, Comm. Salary Harlan Tuttle, Comm. Salary Harlan Tuttle, Comm. Salary Ed Christofferson, Comm. Salary Raymond Gallant, Collector Mrs. Silva, Clerk David R. Kinsley, Auditor David R. Kinsley, Moderator Ormal S. Laffin, Treasurer Refunds	$157.75 \\ 66.00 \\ 3,279.56 \\ 2,468.00 \\ 35.20 \\ 79.20 \\ 162.80 \\ 146.00 \\ 1,276.00 \\ 2,190.00 \\ 100.00 \\ 100.00 \\ 450.00 \\ 25.00 \\ 15.00 \\ 5.00 \\ 100.00 \\ 12.00$	\$29 685 18
American Bank Note Co., Coupons		\$32,685.18 41.00
Balance Paid for 1950 Contract Work: A. C. Trojano Company, Contractor		\$32,726.18 4,768.60
	-	\$37,494.78
·		φυ1,404.10

Bond Account

Paid First Nat'l Bank, Boston, Bond \$ Paid First Nat'l Bank, Boston, Interest Paid Merchants Nat'l Bank, Bond Paid Merchants Nat'l Bank, Interest Paid First Nat'l Bank of Ayer, Bond Paid First Nat'l Bank of Ayer, Interest	\$10,000.00 2,412.50 2,000.00 105.00 2,500.00 150.00	
— — — —		\$16,912.50
Grand Total		\$54,407.28

RAY L. HARRIS, Clerk of Commissioners.

COST OF MATERIALS

Hayward Road Extension to Rex Corporation	\$1,280.30
Blanchard Road Extension	1,085.03
Piper Road Extension to Lauriel Court	913.68
Hosmer Street and Massachusetts Avenue	659.80
Acton Center Fire Station	539.45

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES

January 1, 1952

Uncollected January 1, 1951	\$1,970.44 36,385.73 4,008.00
Total	
Paid Treasurer Abated	42.21
Uncollected January 1, 1952	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total	\$42,364.17

Metered Water for One Year

South .	 gallons
West	 •

50,160,077 gallons

Number of Services January 1, 1952

Center South	
West	384

Number of Hydrants 173

Water Pumped 195173,561,400 gallons Water pumped 195072,252,000 gallons

Increase in 1951 1,309,400 gallons

Assessed Valuation of the District

January 1, 1952 \$4,121,670.00

RAYMOND A. GALLANT, Collector.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Cash on Hand January 1951	\$2,449.39 4,100.32	\$6,549.71 13.03
		\$6,562.74
Paid to Treasurer	\$5,480.30 .91 1,081.53	\$6,562.74

ETHEL A. DAVIS, Collector.



AUDITOR'S REPORT

West Acton, Mass. January 31, 1952.

Board of Commissioners, West and South Water Supply District of Acton Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Having completed an examination of the District accounts for the year ended December 31, 1951 — I believe they are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID R. KINSLEY, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT West and South Water Supply District of Acton

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1951 Middlesex County National Bank, Maynard North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer	_	\$20,061.57 2,500.00
		\$22,561.57
Rec'd from Raymond Gallant, Collector Rec'd from Ethel Davis, Tax Collector Pers. Prop. Tax, 1950 \$1,213.01 Real Estate Tax, 1950 4,252.56 Interest		
70 17 751111 0 1 1 1 1 1	5,480.30	
Bond Loan — Middlesex County Nat'l Bank for Gravel Packed Well	15,000.00	
Refund from New England Tel. & Tel. Company	4.13	
Dividend — North Middlesex Savings	56.26	
Bank	90.20	\$60,319.95
Bank	96.26	
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950	\$54,407.28	\$82,881.52
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950	\$54,407.28	
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding	\$54,407.28	\$82,881.52
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding	\$54,407.28 152.60	\$82,881.52
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes	\$54,407.28	\$82,881.52
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes	\$54,407.28 152.60	\$82,881.52 \$54,559.88
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes	\$54,407.28 152.60 \$283.77	\$82,881.52 \$54,559.88 \$54,276.11
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes	\$54,407.28 152.60 \$283.77	\$82,881.52 \$54,559.88 \$54,276.11 \$28,605.41
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes	\$54,407.28 152.60 \$283.77	\$82,881.52 \$54,559.88 \$54,276.11
Paid Out — Commission's Orders Paid Out—Withholding Taxes for 1950 Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes	\$54,407.28 152.60 \$283.77	\$82,881.52 \$54,559.88 \$54,276.11 \$28,605.41

ORMAL LAFFIN, Treasurer.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Department of Corporations and Taxation Division of Accounts State House, Boston 33

April 12, 1951

To the Board of Water Commissioners West and South Water Supply District of Acton Acton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for the period from December 22, 1949 to January 24, 1951, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

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FRANCIS X. LANG, Director of Accounts.

Mr. Francis X. Lang Director of Accounts Department of Corporations and Taxation State House, Boston

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for the period from December 22, 1949, the date of the previous examination, to January 24, 1951, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were analyzed for the period covered by the audit, the payments were checked with the commissioners' orders authorizing the disbursement of district funds, and the cash balance on January 24, 1951 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by examination of the savings bank book.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

Ledger accounts were compiled for the period covered by the audit, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district as of January 24, 1951.

The books and accounts of the district water collector were examined and checked in detail. The water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent charges were audited. The payments to the district treasurer were checked to the district treasurer's cash book, the abatements were checked with the commissioners' records of abatements granted, the outstanding accounts on January 24, 1951 were listed and proved, and the cash balance on January 24, 1951 was verified by actual count of cash in the office.

The books and accounts of the district collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of personal property and real estate taxes were checked with the assessors' warrants for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the district treasurer's cash book and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts of the district water collector and of the district tax collector was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds furnished by the district treasurer and the water collector for the faithful performance of their duties were in the form of continuation certificates, and it is recommended that annual bonds be furnished in the future.

It was noted that the amount raised for maturing debt and interest was insufficient to meet the total interest payments in 1950.

In checking the district expenditures, it was noted that on January 23, 1951 a truck was purchased for \$1,939.37 and paid for from funds in the treasury. It is recommended that purchases of major equipment be made only on authority of a specific vote of the district authorizing such purchases.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the district treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and water accounts receivable.

For the cooperation received from all district officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE, Assistant Director of Accounts.

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WEST AND SOUTH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON

Balance Sheet — January 24, 1951

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
	Cash		\$21,081.74	Payroll Deductions: Federal Withholding Taxes County Retirement Fund	\$42.30 14.67
24	Taxes: Levy of 1950: Personal Property Real Estate Water Rates and Services Expenditures in Anticipation of Appropriations Deduct: Estimated Receipts Collected to Date	\$172.86 3,661.82 \$2,912.07 453.84	3,834.68 1,652.08 2,458.23	Unexpended Appropriation Balances: Robbins Street Water Mains Extension \$441.45 Stow Street Water Mains Extension 1,787.07 Prospect Street Water Mains Extension 255.14 North Main Street Water Mains Extension 4,470.59 Nagog Hill Road Water Mains Extension 277.78 Arlington Street Water Mains Extension 1,581.16 Hayward and Charter Road Water Mains Extension 5,981.12	14,794.31
	Loans Authorized—Water Mains Overdrawn Account 1950:		34,100.00	Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes: Levy of 1950	1,091.75
	Interest on Debt		1,115.04	Water Revenue Reserved Until Collected Loans Authorized and Unissued Surplus Revenue	1,652.08 34,100.00 12,546.66
		=	\$64,241.77		\$64,241.77

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$138,000.00	Water Mains Loan 1938	\$6,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1946	15,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1949	64,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1950	53,000.00
	\$138,000.00		\$138,000.00

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