

1953 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. ☆ Maynard, Mass.

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ORGANIZATION — 1953

Clerk

MRS. BERYL B. SILVA, Term expires 1954

Water Commissioners

EDWIN H. CHRISTOFFERSON	Term expires 1954
FRANK E. GREENOUGH	Term expires 1955
JAMES E. KINSLEY, Chairman	Term expires 1956

Commissioners meet second Wednesday of the month
8 P. M.

Pumping Station Office

Treasurer

ORMAL S. LAFFIN Term expires 1954

Appointments by the Water Commissioners

Superintendent

RAY L. HARRIS Term expires 1954

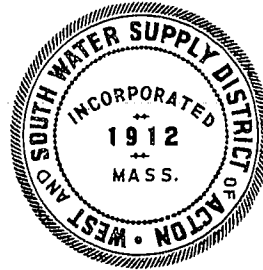
Collector

RAYMOND A. GALLANT Term expires 1954

Accountant

MRS. BERYL B. SILVA Term expires 1954

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 15, 1954 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, and one member of the Board of Water Commissioners to serve for the term of three years, and to fix salaries of same.

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 District will vote to purchase a new truck, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the District will vote to appropriate money for a survey of a supplementary water supply, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the District will vote to raise a sum of money for the installation of a new pump and pump house on the new wash well, to connect with water main, 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 rescind the vote passed at the meeting May 22, 1950 whereby the following was added to the By-Laws: "The Board of Commissioners shall annually in the report to the District, give an estimated budget for the ensuing year," or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Commissioners to make a charge for sprinkler systems or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the District will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a jack hammer and necessary tools.

Article 12. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) to oil driveways at the pumping station.

Article 13. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the water main from Woodlawn Cemetery on Concord Road, along Hosmer Street to the property of E. L. Cox, and from Hosmer Street to the Town Dump on Route 2, and from Hosmer Street to the property of C. E. Armstrong on Route 2, together with six hydrants; 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 14. To see what action the District will vote to take on acceptance of all extensions on private property.

Article 15. To see if the District will vote to appropriate a sum of money to enlarge the office at the pumping station.

Article 16. To see if the District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 12 of the meeting of April 4, 1950 viz: "Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of extending the water main on Hosmer Street from the end of the six-inch main on Concord Road, along Hosmer Street to Mass. Ave. (Route 111), thence easterly along Route 111 to property known as the Manion property and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation."

Article 17. To see if the District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 7 of May 22, 1950 viz: "Voted: Unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to extend the six-inch water main from Taylor Road and Woodlawn Lane down Woodlawn Lane and Forest Street, approximately 1300 feet, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation."

Article 18. To see if the District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 3 of July 16, 1951 viz: "Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately 100 feet northerly on Central Street and about 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 \$1,500 to meet said appropriation."

Article 19. To see if the District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 5 of October 15, 1951 viz: "Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, one hydrant and the necessary fittings for a distance of 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 \$1,500 if necessary to meet said appropriation."

Article 20. To see if the District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 3 of June 23, 1952 viz: "Voted: That the Water District raise and appropriate a sum of \$600 for the purpose of providing and installing a six-inch main with necessary fittings for a distance of approximately 250 feet in a proposed new street off Arlington Street between lots owned by Donald Thompson and Robert Foley, provided Rachael Haynes 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 \$600 if necessary to meet said appropriation."

Article 21. To see if the District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 3 of August 31, 1953 viz: "Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$500 for the purpose of extending the six-inch water main northwesterly from the corner of Liberty and Robbins Streets, South Acton, up Robbins Street, a distance of approximately 100 feet and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation."

Article 22. To see what sums of money the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the usual expense of the 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 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 twentieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

JAMES E. KINSLEY,
EDWIN H. CHRISTOFFERSON,
FRANK E. GREENOUGH,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Superintendent's report covers the activities of your District for the year 1953.

The Hydrant Rental was increased to \$50.00 per hydrant a year. This action was due to the increased cost of material and labor to install and maintain the hydrant system in the District. This rental makes for a more equable sharing of the cost of operating the District.

The Commissioners recommend favorable action on articles 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 15 as we believe it will improve the operation of the District's affairs.

Favorable action on article 10, would simplify the financial operation of the District as it would only be necessary to appropriate the receipts of the District for the maintenance and operation of the District.

The Commissioners believe the water rate can be lowered effective April 1, 1954 provided no large appropriations are voted at the water meeting.

We submit the estimated budget for 1954:

Estimated Revenues and Receipts

Hydrant Rentals	\$9,000.00	
Interest Account	50.00	
Water Rates	44,000.00	
Installing and Repairs	4,000.00	
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		\$57,050.00

Estimated Expenses for the Current Year

Salaries	\$15,000.00	
Bonds and Interest	19,890.00	
Fuel and Lubricating Oil	200.00	
Electric Lights, Power and Tel.	3,500.00	
Gasoline and Auto Expense	1,200.00	
Meter — Repairs and New	3,500.00	
Insurance and Rentals	600.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
Middlesex County Retirement	349.93	
Mass. State Audit	300.00	
Materials and Supplies	5,500.00	
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		\$51,039.93
Estimated Gain		<hr/>
		\$5,910.07

JAMES E. KINSLEY,
EDWIN H. CHRISTOFFERSON,
FRANK E. GREENOUGH,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Water Commissioners:

I wish to make the following report covering the activities of your district for the year 1953:

The pumping station roof has been repaired and shingled. The ceiling installed in the station and the addition to the tool house has been completed.

All of the extensions that were voted on for the Annual and Special Meetings for 1953 have been completed as follows:

Parker Street extension; Main Street; Elementary School and Blanchard Auditorium; Robbins Street; Haynes Court and Mohawk Drive and Seneca Road.

A total of 80 new house services have been installed this year.

A total of (9) nine hydrants have been installed the past year. (7) Seven vote of the District and (2) two by Mr. Jenks on his extension.

The following table shows the increased demand for water in the past three years:

Water Pumped 1951	73,561,400 gal.	
Water Pumped 1950	72,252,000 gal.	
Increase in 1951		1,309,400 gal.
Water Pumped 1952	86,019,166 gal.	
Water Pumped 1951	73,561,400 gal.	
Increase in 1952		12,457,766 gal.
Water Pumped 1953	106,907,809 gal.	
Water Pumped 1952	86,019,166 gal.	
Increase in 1953		20,888,643 gal.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY L. HARRIS,
Superintendent.

WATER MEETING

Abstract of the proceedings of the Annual Water Meeting of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton held in Town Hall, Acton Center.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1953 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.

(Action on this article was suspended pending disposition of Article 3 and Article 4.)

Following acceptance of Articles 3 and 4, Article 2 was unanimously accepted as follows:

Elected: Mrs. Beryl B. Silva, Clerk for one year.
Elected: Ormal S. Laffin, Treasurer for one year.
Elected: James E. Kinsley, Water Commissioner for three years.

Voted: To fix salaries as follows:

Moderator: \$5.00 per meeting.

Clerk: \$25.00 per year.

Treasurer: \$200.00 per year.

Commissioners: \$100.00 each, per year.

Voted: To incorporate in the records the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the District extends its thanks and appreciation to David R. Kinsley for thirty-seven years of faithful and efficient service as District Auditor.

That the District Clerk send Mr. Kinsley a copy of this resolution.

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Commissioners to appoint a District Accountant or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Commissioners to appoint a District Accountant.

Article 4. To see if the District will vote to amend Article 5 of the By-Laws to read: "At each annual meeting there shall be elected by ballot, one Commissioner for a term of three years, a Clerk and a Treasurer for a term of one year," or act anything thereon.

Voted: To amend Article 5 of the By-Laws to read: "At each annual meeting there shall be elected by ballot, one Commissioner for a term of three years, a Clerk and a Treasurer for a term of one year."

Article 5. 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 reports of the District officers and committees.

Article 6. 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 hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, 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 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 Water District will vote to authorize the Commissioners to make a charge for sprinkler systems or act anything thereon.

Voted: To defer action to next annual meeting.

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the usual expenses of the District or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums to defray the usual expenses of the District:

Bond and Interest Account	\$19,890.00	
Salaries, Officers and Collector	13,000.00	
Fuel and Lubricating Oils	200.00	
Electric Lights, Power and Tel.	4,000.00	
Gasoline	400.00	
Repairs, including Meters	2,000.00	
Insurance, Rentals	500.00	
Miscellaneous, including Printing ..	600.00	
Materials and Supplies, Pipe, Fittings and Tubing	5,500.00	
Total		\$46,090.00

Article 10. To see if the Water District will vote to authorize the Commissioners to make a service charge on all installations or act anything thereon.

Voted: To authorize the Commissioners to make a service charge of one hundred dollars (\$100) on all installations.

Article 11. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the roof and install a ceiling at the Pumping Station or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to repair the roof and install a ceiling at the Pumping Station.

Article 12. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build an addition to the tool house or act anything thereon.

Voted: To raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500), to build an addition to the tool house.

Article 13. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the water main on Main Street to the Maynard line to connect with the Maynard Water System; provided the Town of Maynard votes to extend its water main to the Acton line, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to perform the work or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500), be appropriated to extend the six-inch water

main on Main Street to the Maynard line to connect with the Maynard Water System, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum by issuing a note or notes payable in a period of not exceeding ten years. This action is effective provided the Town of Maynard extends its water main to connect with the District main. Unanimous vote.

Article 14. To see if the Water District will vote to amend the vote on Article 6 of the Annual Meeting of February 19, 1951, by providing that a guarantee be required on all new extensions, of four percent (4%) annually on the cost of construction, for a period of ten years from the time when water is turned on in extensions, payable semi-annually as reduced by the fixed minimum charges levied on all services connected thereto, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To amend the vote on Article 6 of the Annual Meeting of February 19, 1951, by providing that a guarantee be required on all new extensions, of four percent (4%) annually on the cost of construction, for a period of ten years from the time when water is turned on in extensions, payable semi-annually as reduced by the fixed minimum charges levied on all services connected thereto.

Article 15. 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, three hydrants, and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately eight hundred (800) feet northerly in a proposed extension of Mohawk Drive, and approximately eight hundred (800) feet easterly in a proposed new street from Mohawk Drive, provided A. R. Jenks and P. G. Jenks 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 such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation or act anything thereon. (Inserted at the request of P. G. Jenks.)

Voted: To raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of providing a six-inch water main, three hydrants and necessary fittings for a distance of approximately eight hundred (800) feet northerly in a proposed extension of Mohawk Drive, and approximately eight hundred (800) feet easterly in a proposed new street from Mohawk Drive, provided A. R. Jenks and P. G. Jenks 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 said sum if necessary, to meet said appropriation. (Yes 47. No 21. Total 68.)

Article 16. To see if the Water District will vote to supply water to the new Elementary School addition to the High School at no expense to the Town of Acton or act anything thereon. (Inserted at the request of the Elementary School Building Committee. Porter G. Jenks, Chairman.)

Motion failed to pass.

Article 17. To see if the Water District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the water main, three hydrants, and necessary fittings from the corner of School and Parker Streets to the residence of George Anderson on Parker Street, South Acton, a distance of approximately two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet, 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 George Anderson and nine others.)

Voted: To raise and appropriate twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to extend eight-inch water main, three hydrants, and necessary fittings from the corner of School and Parker Streets to the residence of George Anderson on Parker Street, South Acton, a distance of approximately two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation. (Unanimous vote.)

Article 18. To see if the Water District will vote to rescind the vote under Article 8 of the Annual Meeting of February 19, 1951, viz.: "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."

Voted: To rescind. (Unanimous vote.)

Voted: To adjourn at 9:41 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 the Town Hall, Acton Center.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1953, 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 District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending a water main to the Acton Town Dump, a distance of approximately three thousand one hundred seventy (3,170) feet from Taylor Road at Route 2 or approximately three thousand nine hundred sixty (3,960) feet from Woodlawn Cemetery at Concord Road and Hosmer Street, 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. (Inserted at the request of Richard C. Davis and 106 others.)

Motion: That the District vote to raise and appropriate \$21,120.00 for the purpose of extending a water main to the Acton Town Dump, a distance of approximately four thousand two hundred twenty four (4,224) feet from Woodlawn Cemetery at Concord Road and Hosmer Street, down Hosmer Street to Route 2, thence westerly beside Route 2, to the dump, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation.

Motion failed to pass.

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of extending the water main northwesterly from the corner of Liberty and Robbins Street, South Acton, up Robbins Street, a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet 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 William H. Huntoon.)

Voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), for the purpose of extending the 6-inch water

main northwesterly from the corner of Liberty and Robbins Streets, South Acton, up Robbins Street, a distance of approximately one hundred (100) feet and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet said appropriation. (Yes 61. No 8. Total 69.)

Voted to adjourn at 9 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 the Town Hall, Acton Center.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1953, 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 District will vote additional appropriations from available funds to the following accounts:

Gasoline and Auto Expense	\$270.00
Meters (New and Repairs)	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	680.00
Materials and Supplies	4,500.00
Total	\$6,950.00

Voted: Unanimously to appropriate from available funds the total sum of \$6,950.00, apportioned as follows:

Gasoline and Auto Expense	\$270.00
Meters (New and Repairs)	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	680.00
Materials and Supplies	4,500.00

Article 3. To see if the District will vote to release any unexpended balance from Article 5, voted at special meeting, October 15, 1951, and Article 15, voted at annual meeting, February 16, 1953, for use of similar appropriations.

Voted: Unanimously to release any unexpended balance from Article 5, voted at special meeting, October 15, 1951, and Article 15, voted at annual meeting, February 16, 1953, for use of similar appropriations.

Article 4. To see if the District will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$49.97 to New Well account.

Voted: Unanimously to transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$49.97 to New Well account.

Voted to adjourn at 8:08 P. M.

A true copy. Attest:

BERYL BANCROFT SILVA,
District Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES

January 1, 1954

Uncollected January 1, 1953	\$5,242.86
Metered and unmetered water	55,754.13
Installing and repairs	13,418.14
Credits adjusted	458.92
Credits to be adjusted	97.23
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	\$74,971.28
 Paid Treasurer	 \$70,533.66
Abated	217.87
Outstanding for January 1, 1954	4,219.75
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	\$74,971.28

Meter Water for Nine Months

January 1, 1953 to October 1, 1953

Center	14,339,303 gallons
South	40,106,270 gallons
West	18,411,819 gallons
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	72,857,392 gallons

Number of Services January 1, 1954

Center	159
South	444
West	489
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	1082

Number of Hydrants 183

Water pumped from January 1, 1953 to October 1, 1953
83,057,932 gallons

Assessed Valuation of the District

January 1, 1954 \$4,122,670.00

RAYMOND A. GALLANT,
Collector.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

March 3 — December 31, 1953

Real Estate Tax 1950

Uncollected March 3, 1950	\$569.32	
Interest	48.48	
		\$617.80
Audit adjustments	\$4.67	
Paid Treasurer	553.33	
Uncollected December 31, 1953	59.80	
		\$617.80

Personal Property Tax 1950

Uncollected March 3, 1953	\$38.23	
Interest	4.01	
		\$42.24
Abatements	\$1.56	
Paid Treasurer	35.93	
Uncollected December 31, 1953	4.75	
		\$42.24

CHARLES M. MacRAE,
Town Collector.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT

West Acton, Mass.
January 13, 1954

To the Board of Commissioners
West and South Water Supply District of Acton
Gentlemen:

I have examined the accounts of the District Collector and the Treasurer for the calendar year 1953, and certify that they are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I submit herewith a summary of the appropriations and expenditures for the year 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

BERYL BANCROFT-SILVA,
District Accountant.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Account	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Bond and Interest	\$19,890.00	\$18,857.50	\$32.50
Salaries	13,000.00	10,889.12	2,110.88
Fuel and Lubricating Oil	200.00	134.34	65.66
Electric Lights, Power and Tel.	4,000.00	3,223.99	776.01
Gasoline	400.00)		
	S 270.00)	669.76	.24
Repairs — Meters	2,000.00)		
	S 1,500.00)	3,246.56	253.44
Insurance and Rentals	500.00	407.94	92.06
Miscellaneous	600.00)		
	S 680.00)	1,258.11	21.89
Materials and Supplies	5,500.00)		
	S 4,500.00)	9,958.74	41.26
	\$53,040.00	\$49,646.06	\$3,393.94

(S — App'n at Special Dist. Meeting, Nov. 9, 1953)

Special Appropriations

Pumping Station (Art. 11 - 2/16/53)	\$1,000.00	\$514.29	\$485.71
Tool House (Art. 12 - 2/16/53)	500.00	500.00	
	\$1,500.00	\$1,014.29	\$485.71

Appropriations for Water Main Extensions

Mohawk Drive (Art. 15 - 2/16/53)	\$3,000.00	\$2,921.35	\$78.65
Parker Street (Art. 17 - 2/16/53)	12,500.00	11,342.11	1,157.89
Main Street (Art. 13 - 2/16/53) ..	3,500.00	3,397.59	102.41
High School and Blanchard Auditorium (Art. 6 - 7 - 6/23/52)	1,800.00	1,140.65	659.35
	\$20,800.00	\$18,801.70	\$1,998.30

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General		\$25,887.98
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1950		
Personal Property	\$4.75	
Real Estate	60.15	
		64.90
Water Rates and Services		4,219.75
Loans Authorized:		
Water Main Extensions:		
Hosmer Street	\$23,800.00	
Woodlawn Street	8,000.00	
Blanchard Road	1,500.00	
Off Arlington Street	600.00	
Hayward Road	1,500.00	
Robbins Street	500.00	
		35,900.00
		<u>\$66,072.63</u>

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	\$280.90	
County Retirement System	33.15	
		\$314.05
Overpayments — to be refunded:		
Water Rates and services — 1953		97.23
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
Water Maintenance and operation	\$485.71	
Non-Revenue:		
Construction and Extension	2,039.12	
		2,524.83
Loans Authorized and Unissued		\$5,900.00
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		1,024.38
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1950		64.90
Water Revenue Reserved Until Collected		4,122.52
Surplus Revenue		22,024.72
		<u>\$66,072.63</u>

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$124,300.00	Serial Loans:	
		Water Mains 1946	\$7,500.00
		Water Mains 1949	49,000.00
		Water Mains 1950	38,000.00
		Water Mains 1953	20,800.00
		Water Equipment 1951	9,000.00
	<u>\$124,300.00</u>		<u>\$124,300.00</u>

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

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1953:

Middlesex County National Bank	\$4,775.92
No. Middlesex Savings Bank	2,500.00
	\$7,275.92

Rec'd from Raymond Gallant, Collector	\$70,533.66
Real Estate Tax 1950	605.73
Personal Property Tax 1950	35.92
Interest and fees, Real and Personal Tax 1950	57.90
Dividend, No. Middlesex Savings Bank ..	75.00
Bond Loan—Middlesex County National Bank	20,800.00
Bond Premium and Accrued Interest	42.18
Refund on Insurance	126.76
Refund from Town of Acton80
	\$92,277.95

\$99,553.87

Less:

Paid Out — Commissioner's Orders	73,687.04
Add: Withholding Tax 1952	292.90
	\$73,979.94

Less: Accrued Withhold- ing Tax 1953	\$280.90
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Less: Accrued Retirement Fund 1953	33.15
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314.05

\$73,665.89

Cash on Hand and in Bank, Dec. 31, 1953	\$25,887.98
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Reconciliation of Cash

Middlesex County National Bank, Maynard, Mass., Dec. 31, 1953	\$23,387.98
North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass., Dec. 31, 1953	2,500.00
	\$25,887.98

Bonds Outstanding

Bonds Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$121,000.00
Bond Loan, June, 1953	20,800.00
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	\$141,800.00
Less: Bonds Retired during 1953	17,500.00
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	\$124,300.00

Bonds Outstanding December 31, 1953

Ayer National Bank, Sept. 1, 1956	\$7,500.00
First National Bank, Feb. 1, 1963	49,000.00
First National Bank, Aug. 15, 1961	38,000.00
Middlesex County National Bank, Nov., 1956	9,000.00
Middlesex County National Bank, June, 1963	20,800.00
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Total Bonds Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1953	\$124,300.00

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

February 26, 1953

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 fiscal year 1952, 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,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts.

FXL:EV

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

Sir:

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 fiscal year 1952, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and checked for the period covered by the audit, the payments were compared with the commissioners' orders authorizing the disbursement of district funds, and the cash balance on December 31, 1952, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by examination of a savings bank book.

The payments on account 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 year 1952; and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the district as of December 31, 1952.

The books and accounts of the district water collector were examined and checked. The water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent charges were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the receipts as shown on the treasurer's cash book, the abatements were checked with the commissioners' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

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

The books and accounts of the district collector of taxes were audited in conjunction with the audit of the town as of November 30, 1952.

The surety bonds of the district water collector and the district treasurer were examined and found to be in proper form.

In connection with the appropriations voted in the water district meetings, it is recommended that the district vote specific amounts for the maintenance and operation of the water system, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 396 of the Acts of 1928.

It is also recommended that the votes of the district for the extension of water mains indicate clearly the specific amount of the appropriation and the source from which the money is to be provided.

It is further recommended that the expenditures for water extensions be properly allocated to the specific appropriations voted by the district.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

HBD:EV

WEST AND SOUTH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1952

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$7,275.92	Payroll Deductions:	
Accounts Receivable:		Federal Taxes	\$292.90
Taxes:		Unexpended Appropriation Balances:	
Levy of 1950:		Hayward and Charter Road	
Personal Property	\$42.23	Water Mains Extension	\$933.39
Real Estate	667.08	Artesian Well Building and Pump	
		at Pumping Station	2,147.62
	709.31		3,081.01
Water Rates and Services	5,169.96	Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	381.53
Loans Authorized — Water Mains ..	45,950.00	Overlay Reserved for Abatement of	
		Taxes: Levy of 1950	709.31
		Water Revenue Reserved Until Col-	
		lected	5,169.96
		Loans Authorized and Unissued	45,950.00
		Surplus Revenue	3,520.48
	\$59,105.19		\$59,105.19

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$121,000.00	Water Mains Loan 1938	\$2,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1946	10,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1949	54,000.00
		Water Mains Loan 1950	43,000.00
		Water Equipment Loan 1951	12,000.00
	\$121,000.00		\$121,000.00

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

January 13, 1954

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 fiscal year 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HBD:EV

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton for the fiscal year 1953, and report thereon as follows:

The records of financial transactions of the district were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the district clerk were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books, the disbursements were checked with the treasurer's books and with the commissioners' orders, while the appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations were checked with the clerk's records of financial votes passed at district meetings.

The necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the district on December 31, 1953 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The balance sheet shows that the district has authorized the treasurer to borrow various amounts for water main extensions over the past four years totaling \$35,900.00, which have not been borrowed either because the extensions were paid for from current revenue or because the projects were suspended.

It is recommended that the district vote to rescind such of these loan authorizations as may be no longer required, and that in the future all votes for main extensions indicate definitely the amount and the source from which the money is to be provided.

The books and accounts of the district treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, while the payments were compared with the approved commissioners' orders on file. The cash balance on December 31, 1953 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 records of payroll deductions for Federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined. The deductions were listed and checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the payments to the Director of Internal Revenue and to the county were verified.

The payments made 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 tax collector were audited in conjunction with the audit of the town as of December 9, 1953.

The books and accounts of the water collector were examined and checked in detail. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous audit and all subsequent charges were audited and proved, the payments to the district treasurer were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the abatements were verified by comparison with the commissioners' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the general ledger account.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the district, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds of the district water collector and the district treasurer were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the district treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and water accounts.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all district officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

WE:EV

WEST AND SOUTH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1953

Assets		GENERAL ACCOUNTS		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:				Employees' Payroll Deductions:	
General	\$25,887.98			Federal Taxes	\$280.90
Accounts Receivable:				County Retirement System	33.15
Taxes:					
Levy of 1950:				Appropriation Balances:	
Personal Property	\$4.75			Revenue:	
Real Estate	60.15			Maintenance and Operation:	
	64.90			Repair Pumping Station	\$485.71
Water Rates and Services	4,122.52			Non-Revenue:	
Loans Authorized—Mains Extensions	35,900.00			Construction and Extension:	
				Main Street	102.41
				Parker Road	1,157.89
				High School and Blanchard	
				Auditorium	659.35
				Robbins St. and Haynes Court	119.47
					2,524.83
				Loans Authorized and Unissued	35,900.00
				Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus	1,024.38
				Overlay Reserved for Abatements:	
				Levy of 1950	64.90
				Water Revenue Reserved Until Col-	
				lected	4,122.52

		Surplus Revenue	22,024.72
	<u>\$65,975.40</u>		<u>\$65,975.40</u>
	DEBT ACCOUNTS		
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$124,300.00	Serial Loans:	
		Water Mains 1946	\$7,500.00
		Water Mains 1949	49,000.00
		Water Mains 1950	38,000.00
		Water Mains 1953	20,800.00
		Water Equipment 1951	9,000.00
	<u>\$124,300.00</u>		<u>\$124,300.00</u>

(Chap. 326)

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WEST AND SOUTH WATER
SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON AND TO PROVIDE FOR
SUPPLYING SAID DISTRICT WITH WATER**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The inhabitants of the westerly and southerly part of the town of Acton, liable to taxation in that town and residing within the territory enclosed by the following boundary lines, to wit: — Beginning at a stone monument, said monument marking the corner of the towns of Littleton, Boxborough and Acton; thence south twenty-six degrees fifty-eight minutes west, on the boundary line between Boxborough and Acton, about fourteen thousand eight hundred and fifty-five feet to a stone monument marking the corner of the towns of Boxborough, Stow and Acton; thence south sixty-two degrees one minute east of the boundary line between Stow and Acton, ten thousand four hundred and fifty-six feet to a stone monument marking the corner of the towns of Stow, Maynard and Acton; thence south sixty-one degrees fifty-seven minutes east on the boundary line between Maynard and Acton about three thousand and forty-eight feet to a stone monument on said boundary line and on the westerly side of the highway leading from South Acton to Maynard, known as Maynard street; thence north fifty-six degrees fifteen minutes east about five thousand nine hundred and eighty-four feet to a stone monument on the highway leading from the Edwin Barker place, so-called, to the Old Stow road, now known as Sudbury road, said monument being near the point where said Sudbury road crosses the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, known as Parker's crossing; thence north thirty degrees forty-five minutes west about eighteen thousand eight hundred and fifty feet to the bound first mentioned, — shall constitute a water supply district, and are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton, for the purpose of supplying themselves with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, with power to establish fountains and hydrants, and to relocate and discontinue the same, to regulate the use of such water and to fix and collect rates to be paid therefor, and to take, or acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise, and to hold property, lands, rights of way and other easements for the purposes mentioned in this act, and to prosecute and defend all actions relating to the property and affairs of the district.

Section 2. Said water supply district, for the purposes aforesaid, may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, the waters of any pond or stream or of any ground sources of supply by means of driven, artesian or other wells

within the town of Acton or in the town of Boxborough, and the water rights connected with any such water sources. Said district may also take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, all lands, rights of way and other easements necessary for collecting, storing, holding, purifying and preserving the purity of the water and for conveying the same to any part of said district: provided, however, that no source of water supply and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of the water, shall be taken or used without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state board of health, and that the location of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to the approval of said board. Said district may construct on the lands acquired and held under the provisions of this act, proper dams, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks, buildings, fixtures and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery and provide such other means and appliances, and do such other things as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and for that purpose may construct wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works, and may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under or over any land, water courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along such ways in Acton and Boxborough, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all proper purposes of this act, said district may dig up or raise and embark any such lands, highways or other ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel on such ways in Acton and Boxborough; and all things done upon any such way shall be subject to the direction of the selectmen of the towns of Acton and Boxborough, respectively.

Section 3. Said water supply district shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, water rights, water sources, rights of way, or other easements under the provisions of this act, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district in which the same are situated a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by all the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The title to all land taken, purchased or acquired in any way under the provisions of this act shall vest in said West and South Water Supply District of Acton, and the land so acquired may be managed, improved and controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, in such manner as they shall deem for the best interest of said district.

Section 4. Said district shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any

land, water, water sources, water right, right of way, or other easement, or by anything done by said district under authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with the district as to the amount thereof, may have the same determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within two years after the taking of such land or other property or the doing of other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said two years; and no application for assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water, water right, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by the district under authority of this act. Said district may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take and appropriate under this act; in which case any damages caused by such taking shall be based upon such amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in that event said district shall be liable further only for the additional damage caused by such additional taking.

Section 5. Said district, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, may issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrip to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars. Such bonds, notes or scrip shall bear on their face the words, West and South Water Supply District of Acton Water Loan; shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates of issue; shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four and one-half per cent per annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the district and countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. Said district may sell such securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper: provided, that they shall not be sold for less than their par value. The town of Acton, may, at its annual town meeting or at a legal meeting called for the purpose, guarantee the payment of such bonds, notes or scrip.

Section 6. Said district shall, at the time of authorizing said loan, provide for the payment thereof in such annual proportionate payments, beginning not more than one year after the first issue of the said securities, as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed by this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the securities, issued as aforesaid by said district, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall without further vote be raised annually by taxation in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 7. Whenever a tax is duly voted by said district for the purposes of this act, the clerk shall send a certified copy of the vote to the assessors of the town of Acton, who shall proceed within thirty days thereafter to assess the same in the same manner in which town taxes are required by law to be assessed. The assessment shall be committed to the town collector, who shall collect said tax in the manner provided by law for the collection of town taxes, and shall deposit the proceeds thereof with the district treasurer for the use and benefit of said district. Said district may collect interest on overdue taxes in the manner in which interest is authorized to be collected on town taxes; provided, that the district at the time of voting to raise the tax shall so determine and shall also fix a time for payment thereof.

Section 8. The first meeting of said district shall be called on petition of ten or more legal voters therein, by a warrant from the selectmen of the town of Acton, or from a justice of the peace, directed to one of the petitioners, requiring him to give notice of the meeting by posting copies of the warrant in two or more public places in the district seven days at least before the time of the meeting. The said justice of the peace, or one of the selectmen, shall preside at the meeting until a clerk is chosen and sworn, and the clerk shall preside until a moderator is chosen. After the choice of a moderator for the meeting the question of the acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the voters, and if it is accepted by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon it shall take effect, and the meeting may then proceed to act on the other articles contained in the warrant.

Section 9. The West and South Water Supply District of Acton shall, after the acceptance of this act, as aforesaid, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual district meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at every annual meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to said district by this act, and not otherwise specifically provided for, shall be vested in said board of water commissioners, who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as the district may by vote impose. Said commissioners shall appoint a treasurer of said district, who may be one of their number, who shall give bonds to the district in such amount and with such sureties as may be approved by the commissioners. A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by said water supply district at any legal meeting called for the pur-

pose. No money shall be drawn from the district treasury on account of the water works except upon a written order of said commissioners or a majority of them.

Section 10. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable prices and rates for the use of water, and shall prescribe the time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds, notes or scrip issued under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges, it may be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction the water rates shall be reduced proportionately. No money shall be expended in new construction by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the district appropriates and provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the district may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge, and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures.

Section 11. Said district may adopt by-laws prescribing by whom and how meetings may be called, notified and conducted; and, upon the application of ten or more legal voters in the district, meetings may also be called by warrant as provided in section eight. Said district may also establish rules and regulations for the management of its water works, nor inconsistent with this act or with the laws of the commonwealth, and may choose such other officers not provided for in this act as it may deem necessary or proper.

Section 12. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water obtained or supplied under this act, or wilfully or wantonly injures any reservoir, standpipe, aqueduct, pipe or other property owned or used by said district for the purposes of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the district three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort, and upon conviction of any of the above acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding six months.

Section. 13. The inhabitants of the central part of the town of Acton liable to taxation in that town and residing within the territory enclosed by the following boundary lines, to wit: — Beginning at a stone monument marking the corner of said towns of Littleton, Boxborough, and Acton; thence south seventy-five degrees east about twelve thousand eight hundred and eighteen feet to a stone monument on the northerly side of the Lowell road, so called, between the residences of Henry H.

Hawley, Jr., and Luther Conant; thence south eleven degrees fifty minutes west about thirteen thousand one hundred ninety-five feet to a stone monument near the point where the Fitchburg Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad crosses the Sudbury road, so called, being the northeasterly corner of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton as described in this act; thence north thirty degrees forty-five minutes west along the northerly line of said West and South Water Supply District of Acton about eighteen thousand eight hundred and fifty feet to the place of beginning, — shall be added to and become a part of the body corporate of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton. The territory hereby annexed to said district and the inhabitants residing therein shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities and duties pertaining to said district according to the provisions of this act, except as hereinafter provided. Upon the acceptance of this act by the voters of that part of the district described in this section, as provided for in section fifteen of this act, the water system shall, within a period of two years thereafter, be extended into and the water distributed therein, and thereupon that part of the district shall be bound to return an income which, for a period of ten years, will yield annually equal to six per cent of the cost and expense incurred or sustained in making such extension, and in the event that such income proves insufficient therefor, then a sum sufficient to make up the deficit shall be added to the amount of the tax to be annually assessed upon that part of the district. The treasurer of said district shall keep a separate account showing in detail the cost and expense incurred in making the said extension, and in the event of any dispute, difference, or question arising as to the amount of such cost and expense said commissioners shall have full power and authority to determine and fix the amount thereof.

Section 14. Sections one to twelve, inclusive, of this act shall take effect upon their acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of said district described in section one, present and voting thereon at a district meeting called in accordance with the provisions of section eight, within two years after the passage of this act; but the said sections shall become void unless the said district shall begin to distribute water to consumers within two years after the date of the acceptance of said sections as aforesaid.

Section 15. Section thirteen of this act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of that part of the district described therein, present and voting thereon at a district meeting called in accordance with the provisions of section eight within two years after the acceptance of said sections one to twelve as provided in section fourteen of this act. (Approved March 27, 1912.)

ACT OF INCORPORATION

Chapter 326 of the Acts of Legislature 1912 was accepted by the legal voters residing in the West and South District, so called and defined by Section 1 of the Act, by a vote of 57 yes and 1 no at a meeting called for that purpose April 16, 1912, in accordance with Section 14 of said Act.

Section 13 of said Act was accepted by the legal voters of the Center District, so called and defined by said Section, by a vote of 40 to 3 at a meeting called for that purpose in accordance with Section 15 of said Act.

The District was organized April 16, 1912, by the choice of Charles H. Mead, clerk, term one year; Board of Water Commissioners, Edgar H. Hall, term 3 years; Charles H. Fairbanks, term 2 years; Waldo E. Whitcomb, term 1 year.

(ADDITION TO WATER DISTRICT UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF THE WARRANT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT HELD APRIL 1, 1947.)

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 degrees West 1000 feet to a monument: thence North 49 degrees 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 degrees 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 degrees 18' East about 5984 feet to a stone monument on the Easterly side of Parker Street, formerly known as Sudbury Road: thence North 11 degrees 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.

BY-LAWS

(as adopted and amended to February 17, 1953)

I. The annual meeting of the Water Supply District shall be held on the third Monday of February of each year for the election of officers, and for the transaction of other necessary business connected with the District.

II. All meetings may be called by a majority of the Board of Water Commissioners, directed to the Clerk, or as specified in Chapter 326 of the Acts of 1912, Section 8.

III. All Warrants shall be posted at least seven days before the time of meeting.

IV. The Clerk shall preside at each meeting until a Moderator is chosen. No business shall be transacted until after the election of a Moderator.

V. At each annual meeting there shall be elected by ballot, one Commissioner for a term of three years, a Clerk and a Treasurer for a term of one year.

VI. If a vacancy should occur for any cause in the office of Clerk, Treasurer, or any other officer of this District, except the Board of Water Commissioners, it may be filled for any such unexpired term by the Water Commissioners.

VII. The Board of Commissioners shall annually in the report to the District, give an estimated budget for the ensuing year.

add new by-law - June 1960

*By-laws To Regulate The Nomination
and Election of Officers of The District.*

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