

In case of failure to agree as to the price for water furnished and the manner or location of construction or location of hydrants, the state department of public utilities, upon petition of either town or of any aggrieved inhabitants of the town of Ashburnham, shall determine the price and manner and location of construction or location of hydrants and such determination shall be final.

SECTION 4. The towns of Ashburnham and Winchendon, acting jointly, shall install and maintain such measuring and recording devices satisfactory to the state department of public health as may be necessary to record at all times accurately and regularly and permanently (a) the amount of water taken from said pond; (b) the amount of water released from said pond; (c) the amount of water diverted into said pond; (d) the elevation of water in said pond; and (e) the amount of water flowing in the river below the outlet of said pond; and said towns shall file, on or before the fifteenth of January of each year, with said department a true and correct transcript of all such records for the preceding calendar year, and shall from time to time, upon request of said department, file interim reports of such records.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1950.*

AN ACT VALIDATING AND CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON IN THE CURRENT YEAR. Chap.339

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The election of officers and other proceedings at the annual town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Groton held on Monday, February sixth, in the current year, if otherwise valid, are hereby validated and confirmed, notwithstanding that the warrant for such meeting was not posted until Monday, January thirtieth, in the current year, and said meeting is hereby declared to be the annual town meeting of said town for the current year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 17, 1950.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOWED FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES TO PROBATION OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE. Chap.340

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Subject to section eighty-one of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws, and notwithstanding the provisions of section ninety-four of chapter two hundred and seventy-six of the General Laws, probation officers of the district courts in the county of Barnstable shall be reimbursed by the county for their actual disbursements for necessary expenses incurred while in the performance of

their duties, including their reasonable traveling expenses in attending conferences authorized by section ninety-nine of said chapter two hundred and seventy-six, not exceeding five hundred dollars to each in any one year, upon vouchers approved by the court by which they are appointed.

*Approved April 17, 1950.*

*Chap.341* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE STATUS OF BERNARD JOHANSON, AN EMPLOYEE IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Bernard Johanson, who has been in the employ of the building department of the city of Springfield as an inspector for over six years under provisional appointment, shall be made a permanent employee in said department, and his tenure of office shall be unlimited, subject to the civil service laws and rules, but he shall be subjected by the division of civil service to a qualifying examination, and, upon passing said examination, shall be certified for his office and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without being required to serve any probationary period.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance in the current year by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved April 17, 1950.*

*Chap.342* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTOR OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The office of building inspector of the city of Beverly shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws. The incumbent of said office on said effective date shall be subjected to a qualifying examination for said office by the division of civil service. If said incumbent passes said examination, he shall be certified for said office and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without serving any probationary period, and his tenure of office shall be unlimited, subject, however, to the provisions of said laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said city at the next city election in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election:— "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty, entitled 'An Act to authorize the placing of the office of building inspector of the city of Beverly under the civil