

prosecutions and legal and other proceedings duly begun by any agency, board or commission which arise from or relate to the exercise of the powers or duties of said agency, board or commission and which are pending immediately prior to the effective date of this act, or date established by ordinance, shall continue unabated and remain in force notwithstanding the passage of this act and shall be continued by the sewer and water commission.

SECTION 4. The town council may, by ordinance establish an annual stipend for commission members and may provide for reimbursement of their actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

SECTION 5. All provisions, powers and duties vested hereunder shall become effective upon that date as established in an ordinance creating the sewer and water commission for the city known as the town of Methuen; and all appointments to the commission shall be so initially made so as to insure that as nearly one-third of their number shall be appointed annually; each to hold office for three years thereafter until his successor is duly appointed.

The first members appointed to the commission shall be appointed as follows: two members to serve until the first secular day of the following year; two members to serve until the first secular day of the following second year; and one member to serve until the first secular day of the following third year.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved November 21, 1989.

Chapter 540. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF AYER TO ACT AS THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER COMMISSIONERS IN SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of selectmen of the town of Ayer shall have and exercise all the powers, rights and duties now or from time to time vested by any general or special law in the board of public works and the board of water commissioners.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary any actions taken by the board of selectmen of the town of Ayer acting as the board of public works or the board of water commissioners prior to the effective date of this act are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed as if section one was in effect at the time such actions were taken.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved November 21, 1989.