
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
THE COMMISSION ON NEW WATER SUPPLY FOR THE CITY OF
LAWRENCE, AND THE WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN
OF METHUEN RELATIVE TO SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY FOR
SAID CITY AND TOWN.**

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, January 7, 1925.

To the General Court of Massachusetts.

Under the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Resolves of 1924 the Department of Public Health, the Commission on New Water Supply for the City of Lawrence, and the Water Commissioners of the Town of Methuen acting as a Joint Board were directed to investigate all sources of water supply reasonably available to the inhabitants of Lawrence and Methuen, including the possibility of a connection with the Metropolitan water system, and to report to the General Court fully with plans, estimates, and drafts of any legislation recommended by it on or before the first Wednesday in January, 1925. The resolve is as follows:

Resolved, That the department of public health, the commission on new water supply for the city of Lawrence, and the water commissioners of the town of Methuen, acting as a joint board, shall forthwith proceed to investigate all sources of water supply reasonably available to the inhabitants of said city and said town, including the possibility of a connection with the metropolitan water system, and all questions relating to the quantity of water to be obtained from such sources, its quality, the operation and maintenance of works for storing, conveying, protecting and purifying the water, the cost of the same, and all matters pertaining to the subject. The said joint board may make such surveys as shall be necessary to determine upon sites suitable for storage reservoirs, aqueducts and other necessary works in connection with any sources of water supply which it may consider is or may become available for said city and said town. The said joint board may employ such engineers or other assistants as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the investigation, including the preparation of plans and estimates of cost, and may expend therefor such sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated for the purposes of this resolve, which sum shall be apportioned between the city of Lawrence and the town of Methuen, as determined by said commissioner upon the following basis: one third in proportion to their valuations, and two thirds in proportion to their consumption of water, for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three. The amounts apportioned as aforesaid shall be assessed, collected and paid over to the state treasurer in the same manner and at the same time as state taxes.

The said joint board shall, on or before the first Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, report to the general court fully, with plans, estimates and drafts of any legislation recommended by it.

On July 8, 1924, the Department and the boards mentioned in the resolve met jointly and considered the duties imposed upon them under the provisions of the above resolve. An organization was effected and the investigation begun with such force as it was practicable to secure under the existing circumstances. Because of the magnitude of this investigation and its connection with the water supply problems of other sections of the State as well as developments requiring further study brought out in the course of the study thus far made, it has not been practicable to complete the investigation within the time stated in the resolve. The work has been carried on as rapidly as practicable but is not yet completed and the satisfactory conclusion of this investigation and the studies that must be based thereon will require additional time. In view of these circum-

stances the Joint Board hereby requests an extension of the time required for carrying out the provisions of the above resolve, and submits the attached resolve extending the time for final report to March 21, 1925.

Respectfully submitted, for the Joint Board,

EUGENE R. KELLEY,
Chairman.

RESOLVE EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE COMMISSION ON NEW WATER SUPPLY FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCE AND THE WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF METHUEN RELATIVE TO SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY FOR SAID CITY AND TOWN.

Resolved, That the time within which the department of public health, the commission on new water supply for the city of Lawrence and the water commissioners of the town of Methuen, acting as a joint board, shall report to the General Court relative to sources of water supply for said city and town as required by Chapter 61 of the Resolves of 1924 is hereby extended to the third Saturday in March, 1925.