

**WATER FRANCHISE AREAS
IN COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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Abington			
* town-wide	1. Town of Abington	5/19/1884	St.1884, c. 244
* town-wide (11272) ¹	2. Town of Abington (with Rockland and South Abington) (accepted 5/29/1885)	4/30/1885	St.1885, c. 206
Acton			
* district boundaries ² (6697)	1. West and South Water Supply District of Acton (incorporated 4/26/1912) Name changed to Water Supply District of Acton 1962 pursuant to St.1962, c. 667 (7/16/1962)	3/27/1912	St.1912, c. 326
Acushnet			
* town-wide	1. Town of Acushnet Acquired by Acushnet Fire and Water District 1922 pursuant to St.1922, c. 150, § 2	3/8/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 129
* district boundaries ³	2. Acushnet Fire and Water District Acquired by Town of Acushnet 1945 pursuant to St.1945, c. 35, § 1	3/16/1922	St.1922, c. 150
* Acushnet F&WD franchise (2827)	3. Town of Acushnet	2/15/1945	St.1945, c. 35
Adams			
* designated villages ⁴ (3045)	1. South Adams Fire District Name changed to Adams Fire District 4/29/1892 pursuant to St.1892, c. 222 (4/29/1892)	4/15/1873	St.1873, c. 197
* limited operation	2. Butterworth Water Company	6/3/1985	Articles of Organization
Agawam			
* section of town (74)	1. Agawam Water Company (C. L. Goodhue, d/b/a) In operation as of 1915; likely ceased operations by 1920 ⁵	1877	Local Approval
* town-wide (10058)	2. Town of Agawam (accepted 7/28/1905)	5/1/1905	St.1905, c. 353
Alford	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Amesbury			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Amesbury Ferry Aqueduct Company dissolved 1873 – never operational?	6/27/1798	St.1798, c. 21
* town-wide	2. Powow Hill Water Company Acquired by Town of Amesbury 1905 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/3/1883	St.1883, c. 161
* Powow Hill franchise (5713)	3. Town of Amesbury	6/27/1905	Town Vote ⁶
Amherst			
* town-wide	Charles Goodhue/William Birney (joint stock company) Acquired by Amherst Water 4/1880	7/1879	
* town-wide	1. Amherst Water Company Acquired by Town of Amherst 10/10/1941 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/7/1880	St.1880, c. 179
* section of town	2. Pelham Spring Water Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Amherst Water Company c. 1888	1883	Local Approval
* Amherst Water franchise (6280)	3. Town of Amherst	2/17/1941	Town Vote ⁷
Andover			
* town-wide (11932)	1. Town of Andover	6/16/1887	St.1887, c. 439

¹ System-wide connections including Abington and Rockland.

² Service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1946, but repealed in 1962 upon expansion of Acton district boundaries to entire town.

³ Originally southwest part of town; Acushnet district boundaries expanded in 1925.

⁴ Villages of Arnoldsville, Cheshire Harbor, Maple Grove, and South Adams.

⁵ By 1915, company had been largely replaced by town system, but still served 6 customers on Agawam Street.

⁶ Authority to own and operate municipal system based on purchase of Powow Hill Water clarified by St.1906, c. 164 (3/16/1906).

⁷ St.1941, c. 321 (5/26/1941) authorized certain financing and governance provisions.

Aquinnah	1. no central water service	NA	NA
Arlington			
* Mass. Ave/Pleasant St. area (34)	1. Middlesex Aqueduct Corporation In operation as of 1907; company dissolved 1929	10/21/1799	St.1798, c. 59 (general) ⁸
* town-wide	2. Spy Pond Water Company Name changed to Arlington Lake Water Company 2/19/1867 pursuant to St.1867, c. 221 Franchise rights purchased by Town of Arlington 1872 through municipal purchase option in charter	2/5/1855	St.1855, c. 13
* Arlington Lake Water franchise (12583)	3. Town of Arlington	8/16/1871	Town Vote ⁹
Ashburnham			
* reservoir for water power	1. Ashburnham Reservoir Company ¹⁰ Probably purchased by Naukeag Water Company (see St.1883, c. 201, § 8); company dissolved 1912	2/28/1845	St.1845, c. 95
* South Ashburnham (13)	2. W. F. Whitney (d/b/a) Factory incorporated 3/18/1915; company dissolved 1936	prior to 1896	Local Approval
* town-wide	3. Ashburnham Water Company <i>Nothing beyond organization – repealed by St. 1883, c. 201, § 12</i>	5/26/1871	St.1871, c. 377
* town-wide (60)	4. Naukeag Water Company ¹¹ Acquired by Town of Ashburnham 1897 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/25/1883	St.1883, c. 201
* town-wide	5. Town of Ashburnham	5/29/1888	St.1888, c. 398
* 1888 act rewritten ¹² (1335)	6. Town of Ashburnham (effective 3/28/1912)	3/28/1912	St.1912, c. 328
Ashby	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Ashfield			
* town-wide	1. Town of Ashfield <i>Enabling act expired 1/29/1907</i>	1/29/1902	St.1902, c. 129
* town-wide (131)	2. Ashfield Water Company Acquired by Ashfield Water District 12/31/1987	4/19/1903	St.1903, c. 217
* district boundaries (145)	3. Ashfield Water District	6/11/1980	St.1980, c. 267 ¹³
Ashland			
* town-wide (6755)	1. Town of Ashland	4/28/1908	St.1908, c. 456
* Waushakam district	2. Town of Framingham	5/26/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 353
* Starlight Village (72)	3. Glacial Lake Charles Aquifer Water Company Ceased operations 1989 – interconnected with Ashland system; company dissolved 12/31/1990	6/4/1988	Articles of Organization
Athol			
* town-wide	1. Athol Water Company Acquired by Town of Athol 1905 through municipal purchase option in charter – also see St.1905, c. 257, §§ 1, 5 (4/5/1905) ¹⁴	4/10/1877	St.1877, c. 121
* Athol Water franchise (3203)	2. Town of Athol	12/17/1904	Town Vote
* section of town	3. Mount Pleasant Water Company Company dissolved 1930	2/13/1916	Articles of Organization

⁸ This statute of general application was enacted on 2/21/1799, and authorized the formation of aqueduct companies.

⁹ Arlington action ratified by St.1873, c. 242 (4/25/1873).

¹⁰ Ashburnham Reservoir's original charter subsequently lost; new one obtained 5/2/1853 (St.1853, c. 268). Appears to have built a distribution system in 1870.

¹¹ Ivers W. Adams may have taken over assets of Ashburnham Reservoir and operated system under d/b/a of Naukeag Water prior to 1883.

¹² Ivers W. Adams, of Boston, offered to install a new water system for the town at his own expense.

¹³ Time for acceptance extended to 6/11/1986 pursuant to St.1984, c. 117 (6/24/1984).

¹⁴ Statute approved of various sources of supply and authorized necessary financing to purchase company.

Attleboro			
* ½ mile radius of RR stn	1. Attleborough Water District Acquired by Attleborough Fire District No. 1 c. 1884 pursuant to St.1884, c. 96, § 1	5/6/1873	St.1874, c. 271
* district boundaries	2. Attleborough Fire District No. 1 Acquired by Town of Attleborough 1893 pursuant to St.1893, c. 69, § 1	3/21/1884	St.1884, c. 96
* Attleboro FD franchise/town-wide (13415)	3. Town of Attleborough	3/8/1893	St.1893, c. 69
Auburn			
* town-wide (875)	1. Auburn Water Company Acquired by Auburn Water District 10/1/1950 pursuant to St.1947, c. 585, § 3	7/23/1919	Sp. St.1919, c. 241
* section of town	2. F. B. Harrington (d/b/a) Acquired by Elm Hill Water District?	1920-1928	Local Approval
* town-wide	3. Town of Auburn <i>Enabling act repealed by St.1947, c. 585, § 14</i>	4/30/1924	St.1924, c. 326
* district boundaries (186)	4. Woodland Water District Merged with Auburn Water District 2004 pursuant to St.2004, c. 216 (7/28/2004) ¹⁵	6/29/1935	St.1935, c. 385
* district boundaries ¹⁶ (795)	5. Elm Hill Water District	6/29/1935	St.1935, c. 386
* district boundaries	6. Auburn Water District <i>Enabling act expired 7/30/1945</i>	7/30/1941	St.1941, c. 570
* town-wide except Elm Hill/Woodland franchises (4405)	7. Auburn Water District	6/26/1947	St.1947, c. 585
* Eatonhurst Meadows (25)	8. Griggs Water Company (Cecil Griggs, d/b/a) Acquired by C&A Construction Company 6/30/1952	1950	Local Approval
* Pakachoag Hill area	9. Olszewski Water Company (John Olszewski, d/b/a) Acquired by Elm Hill Water District 1962	2/7/1951 *	Local Approval
* Griggs system (25)	10. C&A Construction Company (d/b/a) Water assets transferred to Pakachoag Water Company 2/1/1963	6/30/1952	Purchase
* C&A Construction system (16)	11. Pakachoag Water Company (d/b/a) Ceased operations 1975	2/1/1963	Purchase
Avon			
* town-wide (1611)	1. Town of Avon	4/9/1889	St.1889, c. 236
Ayer			
* town-wide (3060)	1. Town of Ayer	4/5/1887	St.1887, c. 152
* Devens ¹⁷ (317)	2. Devens Massachusetts Development (Devens Enterprise Commission)	1/14/1994	St.1993, c. 498, § 12(f)

¹⁵ District purchases all water from City of Worcester, and thus retains separate identity for DEP reporting purposes.

¹⁶ Elm Hill district boundaries revised in 1979.

¹⁷ The former Fort Devens.

Barnstable			
* town-wide	1. Barnstable Water Company <i>Not accepted by towns, charter lapsed</i> ¹⁸	3/25/1903	St.1903, c. 172
* Hyannis village	2. Hyannis Fire District (5/29/1896 – no record) ¹⁹	6/5/1906	St.1906, c. 445
* Hyannis village (7330)	3. Barnstable Water Company Acquired by Town of Barnstable 5/2005 through municipal purchase option in charter	6/1/1911	St.1911, c. 286
* district boundaries	4. Barnstable South Fire and Water District <i>Enabling act expired 3/23/1918</i>	3/23/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 198
* Barnstable Center ²⁰ (1939)	5. Barnstable Fire District (est. 3/12/1926)	6/12/1934	St.1934, c. 302
* Cotuit village (2256)	6. Cotuit Fire District	5/4/1935	St.1935, c. 244
* Centerville village (12070)	7. Centerville-Osterville Fire District Name changed to Centerville-Osterville Marston Mills Fire District 4/15/1986 pursuant to St.1986, c. 16 (4/15/1986)	4/6/1937	St.1937, c. 169
* West Barnstable village	8. West Barnstable Fire District (est. 3/28/1949) <i>Enabling act expired 5/31/1970</i>	5/31/1966	St.1966, c. 315
* Cape Cod Community College	9. Centerville-Osterville Fire District	2/20/1967	St.1967, c. 5
* district boundaries	10. Hyannis Fire District <i>Enabling act expired 1/11/1997</i>	1/11/1994	St.1993, c. 419
* Barnstable Water franchise (7119)	11. Hyannis Water System (Town of Barnstable)	2005	Town Vote
Barre			
* town-wide	1. Barre Water Company Acquired by Town of Barre 1901-1907 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/12/1894	St.1894, c. 365
* Barre Water franchise (1130)	2. Town of Barre	1901-1907	Town Vote
* South Barre	3. Barre Wool Combing Company (6/4/1902 – Maine) Reincorporated as Barre Wool Combing Company, Limited 6/14/1922	1903	Corporate Actions
* Barre Wool Combing system	4. Barre Wool Combing Company, Limited Water system acquired by Ivy Enterprises 4/1974 ²¹	6/14/1922	Articles of Organization
* Barre Wool Combing LTD system	5. Ivy Enterprises (1946 – Delaware) Water system acquired by Town of Barre 11/9/1983	4/1974	Corporate actions
Becket	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Bedford			
* town-wide (4399)	1. Town of Bedford	2/19/1907	St.1907, c. 131
Belchertown			
* town-wide	1. Belchertown Water Company <i>Charter lapsed 6/5/1899</i>	6/5/1896	St.1896, c. 493
* district boundaries	2. Belchertown Fire District <i>Not accepted – enabling act expired 3/28/1910</i>	3/28/1908	St.1908, c. 310
* town-wide	3. Belchertown Water Company <i>Charter lapsed 3/30/1918</i>	3/30/1912	St.1912, c. 350
* district boundaries ²² (1131)	4. Belchertown Water District	6/2/1922	St.1922, c. 505

¹⁸ St.1906, c. 321 (4/28/1906) extended time to complete system from 3/25/1906 to 3/25/1907.

¹⁹ Hyannis district boundaries affirmed by St.1981, c. 401 (9/24/1981). System relied on Barnstable Water Company to supply water for fire protection purposes.

²⁰ Barnstable district boundaries revised in 1947 and 1955.

²¹ Ivy Enterprises acquired control of Barre Wool Combing 11/30/1960. Operated latter company as subsidiary until 4/1974, when it took possession of water system upon Barre Wool Combing's cessation of operations.

²² Belchertown district boundaries expanded in 1970 and 1984.

Bellingham			
* town-wide	1. City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island Acquired by Town of Bellingham 1932-1950 through municipal purchase option in act ²³	4/22/1932	St.1932, c. 178
* Woonsocket franchise (5776)	2. Town of Bellingham	1932-1950	Town Vote
Belmont			
* town-wide	1. Watertown Water Supply Company Franchise rights acquired by Town of Belmont 1888 – see St.1885, c. 296, § 10	5/2/1884	St.1884, c. 251
* Watertown Water Supply franchise (7670)	2. Town of Belmont (accepted 1/27/1888)	6/5/1885	St.1885, c. 296
Berkley			
* town-wide	1. City of Taunton Enabling act expired 4/12/1913	4/12/1910	St.1910, c. 384
Berlin			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Bernardston			
* town-wide	1. Town of Bernardston Enabling act expired 3/29/1921	3/29/1916	St.1916, c. 329
* district boundaries ²⁴ (668)	2. Bernardston Fire and Water District	3/7/1930	St.1930, c. 93
Beverly			
* town-wide	1. Town of Beverly (water from Salem)	5/13/1864	St.1864, c. 268, § 15
* town-wide (11329)	2. Town of Beverly (supply and distribution)	6/5/1885	St.1885, c. 294
Billerica			
* town-wide (12836)	1. Town of Billerica	6/5/1897	St.1897, c. 471
* Nuttings Lake Park	2. Suburban Land Company Conveyed system to Nuttings Lake Water Company 9/24/1924 – see DPU 1814 (8/12/1925)	3/10/1913	Articles of Organization
* Suburban Land system	3. Nuttings Lake Water Company Foreclosure 5/23/1935 – assets to David Flower 1935	9/16/1924	Articles of Organization
* Nutting Lake Water system	4. Nuttings Water Company (David Flower, d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Billerica 3/11/1946	5/23/1935	Bankruptcy sale
Blackstone			
* town-wide	1. Blackstone Water Company Charter lapsed 5/9/1897	5/9/1894	St.1894, c. 362
* Blackstone Village	2. City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island	6/10/1910	St.1910, c. 604 ²⁵
* entire town	3. City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island Acquired by Town of Blackstone 1952 through municipal purchase option in act – see St.1952, c. 36 (2/8/1952) ²⁶	7/7/1911	St.1911, c. 639
* town-wide	4. Town of Blackstone (accepted 8/4/1951)	5/16/1913	St.1913, c. 661
* section of town	5. Blackstone Water Company Ceased operations 4/5/1954	11/2/1934	Articles of Organization
* Millersville village	6. Town of Bellingham	5/11/1950	St.1950, c. 450
* Woonsocket rights (2716)	7. Town of Blackstone	8/18/1951	Town Vote ²⁷

²³ City continues to serve a few customers in Bellingham.

²⁴ Bernardston service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1950.

²⁵ St.1950, c. 625 (7/13/1950) clarified Town of Blackstone's municipal buyout option rights and obligations under 1910 statute.

²⁶ City continues to serve a few customers in Blackstone.

²⁷ Blackstone action ratified and confirmed, and additional financing provisions established, pursuant to St.1952, c. 36 (2/8/1952).

Blandford			
* section of town (6)	1. M. Henry/T. W. Boise/W. H. Oatley (d/b/a) Either ceased operations or absorbed by Blandford Fire District	1894	Local Approval
* district boundaries ²⁸	2. Blandford Fire District Acquired by Town of Blandford 1928 pursuant to St.1928, c. 249	3/25/1908	St.1908, c. 283
* Blandford FD franchise (238)	3. Town of Blandford	4/17/1928	St.1928, c. 249
Bolton	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* Century Mill Estates (44)	1. Century Mill Limited Partnership	7/10/2002	Articles of Organization
Boston			
* Boston			
	1. Water-Works Company ²⁹	1652	Local Approval
* town-wide	2. Luther Eames et al (corporation) Name changed to The Aqueduct Corporation pursuant to St.1796, c. 1 (6/10/1796) Acquired by City of Boston 1845 pursuant to St.1845, c. 220, § 16	2/27/1795	St.1794, c. 55
*The Aqueduct Corporation franchise (87864)	3. City of Boston	3/30/1845	St.1845, c. 220
* Charlestown³⁰			
* Cambridgeport area	1. Cambridgeport Aqueduct Company Company dissolved 1873	4/13/1837	St.1837, c. 160
* town-wide	2. Charlestown Water Works Acquired by City of Charlestown between 1858 and 1860	4/3/1854	St.1854, c. 297
* town-wide	3. City of Charlestown (water from Boston)	6/12/1860	St.1860, c. 217
* town-wide	4. City of Charlestown (supply and distribution)	3/28/1861	St.1861, c. 105
* Hyde Park³¹			
* town-wide	1. Hyde Park Water Company Acquired by Town of Hyde Park 1907 through municipal purchase option in charter – also see St.1907, c. 492 (6/12/1907) ³²	3/18/1884	St.1884, c. 91
* Hyde Park Water franchise	2. Town of Hyde Park	1907	Town Vote
* Roxbury³³			
* town-wide	1. Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Company Acquired by City of Boston 1893 pursuant to St.1886, c. 199	5/8/1857	St.1857, c. 135
* town-wide	2. Town of Roxbury	6/1/1867	St.1867, c. 343
* Jamaica Pond Aqueduct franchise	3. City of Boston	5/7/1886	St.1886, c. 199
* West Roxbury³⁴			
* town-wide	1. Town of West Roxbury	5/4/1872	St.1872, c. 336

²⁸ Blandford district boundaries expanded in 1913.

²⁹ Consisted of wooden pipes from springs to small reservoir used for fire protection and drinking water.

³⁰ Charlestown annexed to City of Boston in 1873.

³¹ Hyde Park annexed to City of Boston in 1912.

³² Statute involved issuance of bonds necessary for town to exercise municipal buyout option in Hyde Park Water's enabling act; other bond issuances authorized in 1906 and 1907.

³³ Roxbury annexed to Boston on 1/5/1868.

³⁴ West Roxbury annexed to Boston in 1874.

Bourne			
* Sagamore village	1. Sagamore Water Company Charter expired 6/12/1922 ³⁵	6/12/1908	St.1908, c. 618
* Pocasset village	2. Pocasset Cooperative Water Company System destroyed in 9/21/1938 hurricane; acquired by Bourne Water District 6/1/1939	7/10/1922	Declaration of Trust
* Monument Beach	3. Monument Beach Water Works System destroyed in 9/21/1938 hurricane; acquired by Bourne Water District 6/1/1939	10/30/1926	Articles of Organization
* district boundaries ³⁶ (2522)	4. Buzzards Bay Water District	3/29/1937	St.1937, c. 135
* district boundaries ³⁷ (6069)	5. Bourne Water District	6/22/1938	St.1938, c. 441
* district boundaries ³⁸ (1802)	6. North Sagamore Water District	6/15/1939	St.1939, c. 290
* district boundaries ³⁹	7. South Sagamore Water District Absorbed by Bourne Water District 7/1/2004 – see St.2004, c. 135 (6/16/2004)	5/2/1945	St.1945, c. 262
* Savery Avenue (< 20)	8. Savery Avenue Water Supply (John Ladetto, d/b/a) Acquired by South Sagamore Water District 7/1/1958	1920-1934	Local Approval
Boxborough			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Boxford			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* Masconomet Regional School	2. Town of Topsfield	6/14/1957	St.1957, c. 441
* Andrews Farm (53)	3. Andrews Farm Water Company	5/7/1991	Articles of Organization
Boylston			
* district boundaries	1. Morningdale Water District Dissolved and merged with Boylston Water District 2002 pursuant to St.2002, c. 136 (6/12/2002)	6/9/1949	St.1949, c. 419
* district boundaries ⁴⁰ (1191)	2. Boylston Water District	6/20/1951	St.1951, c. 421
Braintree			
* town-wide	1. Braintree Water Company Rescinded by St.1886, c. 269, § 21 (6/3/1886)	3/26/1884	St.1884, c. 110
* town-wide	2. Town of Braintree (with Holbrook and Randolph) (accepted 1/21/1888)	5/8/1885	St.1885, c. 217
* town-wide	3. Braintree Water Supply Company Acquired by Town of Braintree 1891 pursuant to St.1891, c. 345, § 1 ⁴¹	6/3/1886	St.1886, c. 269
* Braintree Water Supply franchise (11471)	4. Town of Braintree	5/20/1891	St.1891, c. 345
Brewster			
* town-wide (7304)	1. Town of Brewster	6/16/1965	St.1965, c. 551

³⁵ Time to commence operations extended to 6/12/1920 pursuant to St.1911, c. 138 (3/14/1911), St.1912, c. 245 (3/26/1914), and Sp. St.1917, c. 130 (2/27/1917).

³⁶ Buzzards Bay district boundaries expanded in 1951.

³⁷ Bourne district boundaries expanded in 1939, 1953, 1965, and 2004; adjusted with those of South Sagamore in 1977.

³⁸ North Sagamore district boundaries expanded in 1948 and 1979.

³⁹ South Sagamore district boundaries adjusted with those of Bourne in 1977.

⁴⁰ District boundaries amended in 2002 to encompass entire town.

⁴¹ Section of statute authorized issuance of additional bonds necessary to exercise municipal buyout provision of Braintree Water Supply's enabling act.

Bridgewater			
* town-wide	1. Bridgewaters Water Company System in town acquired by Town of Bridgewater 1925 pursuant to St.1925, c. 15, § 2	4/18/1887	St.1887, c. 140
* Bridgewaters Water franchise (7015)	2. Town of Bridgewater	2/14/1925	St.1925, c. 15
* South Bridgewater area	3. Massachusetts Correctional Institution	6/15/1939	St.1939, c. 293
Brimfield			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* a few houses (< 20)	2. Brimfield Aqueduct (d/b/a) Ceased operations 3/20/1956	1926-1939	Local Approval?
Brockton			
* town-wide (22465)	1. Town of Brockton	4/9/1878	St.1878, c. 124
Brookfield			
* town-wide (475)	1. Town of Brookfield	3/6/1888	St.1888, c. 79
Brookline			
* town-wide	1. Brookline Water Company Never operational	4/11/1861	St.1861, c. 205
* town-wide (10486)	2. Town of Brookline	5/6/1872	St.1872, c. 343
Buckland			
* fire district boundaries (794) ⁴²	1. Shelburne Falls Fire District (est. 5/2/1855)	7/10/1911	St.1911, c. 644
Burlington			
* town-wide	1. Town of Burlington Enabling act expired 4/6/1934	4/6/1931	St.1931, c.172
* district boundaries ⁴³	2. Burlington Water District Name changed to Burlington Water and Sewer District pursuant to St.1962, c. 726 (7/23/1962) Dissolved and transferred to Town of Burlington 1967 pursuant to St.1967, c. 237	8/2/1949	St.1949, c. 635
* Burlington WD franchise (8839)	3. Town of Burlington	5/5/1967	St.1967, c. 237
Cambridge			
* Cambridgeport area	1. Cambridge-port Aqueduct Company Charter not used – company dissolved 1937	3/8/1806	Ch.1805, c. 73
* town-wide	2. Cambridgeport Aqueduct Company Acquired by Cambridge Water Works 1/31/1861 pursuant to St.1861, c. 12 (1/31/1861)	4/13/1837	Ch.1837, c. 160
* town-wide	3. Cambridge Water Works Company Acquired by City of Cambridge 4/28/1865 pursuant to St.1865, c. 153	5/20/1852	St.1852, c. 255
* Cambridge Water Works franchise (15486)	4. City of Cambridge	4/25/1865	St.1865, c. 153
Canton			
* Canton Corner	1. Canton Aqueduct Corporation Company dissolved 1892	4/26/1836	St.1798, c. 59 (general)
* town-wide (6646)	1. Town of Canton (accepted 1/29/1887)	3/24/1885	St.1885, c. 95
* northern tip of town	2. Town of Milton	2/26/1913	St.1913, c. 162
Carlisle			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Carver			
* as designated on map (47)	1. North Carver Water District	6/4/2008	St.2008, c. 124

⁴² System-wide connections include Buckland and Shelburne.

⁴³ Burlington district excluded southwest section of town; district boundaries revised in 1964.

Charlemont			
	1. no central water system		
* farm and environs	2. Merritt H. Churchill (d/b/a) Ceased operations?	c. 1925	Local approval
* district boundaries	3. <i>Charlemont Fire District</i> <i>Name change to Charlemont Water District 3/5/1948</i> <i>authorized by St.1948, c. 103 (3/5/1948)</i> <i>District never operational?</i> ⁴⁴	4/21/1931	St.1931, c. 231 ⁴⁵
Charlton			
* factory and environs	1. Akers and Taylor Manufacturing Company (7/1/1907) Company dissolved 1917	1907	Corporate Actions
* district boundaries	2. <i>Charlton Water District</i> <i>Enabling act expired 7/30/1945</i>	7/30/1941	St.1941, c. 568
* town-wide ⁴⁶ (c. 100)	3. Southbridge Water Supply Company Acquired by Town of Southbridge 3/3/1990 through municipal purchase option in charter	6/24/1970	St.1970, c. 458
* governance structure	4. Town of Charlton ⁴⁷	1/31/2002	St.2002, c. 17
Chatham			
* town-wide (2870)	1. Chatham Water Company Acquired by Town of Chatham 9/17/1985 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/17/1926	St.1926, c. 346
* Chatham Water franchise (7083)	2. Town of Chatham	1985	Town Vote
Chelmsford			
* general grant	1. City of Lowell	4/23/1902	St.1902, c. 339
* district boundaries ⁴⁸ (2855)	2. North Chelmsford Fire District Name changed to North Chelmsford Water District 2/26/1946 pursuant to St.1946, c. 73 (2/26/1946)	3/1/1906	St.1906, c. 119
* district boundaries ⁴⁹ (8147)	3. Chelmsford Water District	5/12/1913	St.1913, c. 641
* district boundaries (603)	4. East Chelmsford Water District	7/18/1933	St.1933, c. 339
* district boundaries	5. South Chelmsford Water District Dissolved and merged with Chelmsford Water District 6/30/1984 pursuant to St.1984, c. 128 (7/2/1984)	4/30/1935	St.1935, c. 230
Chelsea			
* city-wide (4913)	1. City of Chelsea	4/11/1865	St.1865, c. 144
Cheshire			
* town-wide (278)	1. Cheshire Water Company Acquired by Town of Cheshire 12/9/1970 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/9/1875	St.1875, c. 41
* Cheshire Water franchise (565)	2. Town of Cheshire	1970	Town Vote
* Cheshire Hills (123)	3. Hutchinson Water Company (Ralph Hutchinson, d/b/a) Acquired by Hutchinson Water LLC from Ruth Hutchinson 2010	1/17/1977	Local Approval
* Hutchinson system (123)	4. Hutchinson Water LLC	2/17/2010	Articles of Organization
Chester			
* district boundaries	1. Chester Fire District (est. 3/30/1894) Acquired by Town of Chester 1931 pursuant to St.1931, c. 355	3/30/1894	St.1894, c. 179
* Chester FD franchise (255)	2. Town of Chester	5/26/1931	St.1931, c. 355

⁴⁴ District meetings held in 1947 and 1949, but does not appear to have ever commenced water operations.

⁴⁵ Time for acceptance extended to 4/21/1949 pursuant to St.1947, c. 591 (6/27/1947).

⁴⁶ Only part of town, including Charlton City, currently receives water service.

⁴⁷ Creation of water and sewer commission. Statute amended in St.2005, c. 56 (8/3/2005) to clarify oversight responsibilities over Town of Southbridge's system.

⁴⁸ North Chelmsford district boundaries expanded in 1910, 1917, and 1926; service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1935.

⁴⁹ Chelmsford district boundaries expanded in 1938.

Chesterfield	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Chicopee			
* Chicopee Centre	1. Bernis & McClennan (d/b/a) Water system acquired by Chicopee Water Company 1877	1844	Local Approval
* Chicopee Centre district	2. Chicopee Water Company Acquired by City of Chicopee 3/1/1893 through municipal purchase option in charter ⁵⁰	4/3/1877	St.1877, c. 103
* Chicopee Falls district	3. Chicopee Falls Fire District (1848) (accepted 5/30/1881) Acquired by City of Chicopee 1892 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/13/1881	St.1881, c. 282
* Willimansett/Chicopee St.	4. Willimansett Water Company Acquired by City of Chicopee 1892 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/31/1892	St.1892, c. 321
* Chicopee Water/Willimansett Water franchises (16156)	5. City of Chicopee	9/16/1892	City Vote ⁵¹
Chilmark			
* Menemsha village	1. Menemsha Water Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Menemsha Water Company Cooperative Corporation 1989	2/26/1964 *	Local Approval
* Menemsha Water system (95)	2. Menemsha Water Company Cooperative Corporation	11/2/1989	Articles of Organization
Clarksburg			
* town-wide	1. Town of Clarksburg Enabling act expired 8/29/1955	8/29/1951	St.1951, c. 651
* a few customers (6)	2. Gordon Oakes Water Company (Gordon Oakes, d/b/a) Acquired by Stoney Mountain View Water Cooperative 2008	1961	Local Approval
* a few customers (13)	3. Whitney Water System (d/b/a) Acquired by Barrett Water System c. 1985	1950-1980	Local Approval
* a few customers (13)	4. Barrett Water System (d/b/a) (customer-owned mains) Disposition unknown	c. 1985	Local Approval
* district boundaries (63)	5. Briggsville Water District ⁵²	7/11/1980	St.1980, c. 483
Clinton			
* town-wide (4132)	1. Town of Clinton	4/4/1876	St.1876, c. 98
Cohasset			
* north Cohasset ⁵³ (330)	1. Hingham Water Company Name changed to Massachusetts-American Water Company 12/28/1989 Name changed to Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts 4/25/2001 Acquired by Town of Hingham 8/1/2020 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/3/1881	St.1881, c. 59
* town-wide	2. Cohasset Water Company Acquired by Town of Cohasset 1948 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/9/1886	St.1886, c. 128
* Cohasset Water franchise (2577)	3. Town of Cohasset	3/2/1946	Town Vote ⁵⁴
AWC franchise	4. Town of Hingham ⁵⁵	4/22/2019	Town Vote

⁵⁰ St.1892, c. 384 (6/15/1892) authorized city to draw water from specific sources upon exercise of municipal buyout option in Chicopee Water Company's enabling act.

⁵¹ City of Chicopee voted to acquire all three water systems in that community.

⁵² Also referred to as Red Mills Water Supply.

⁵³ Enabling act authorized Hingham Water to serve entire town, but company has confined operations to northern Cohasset.

⁵⁴ Cohasset vote to implement municipal buyout option through purchase of company's common stock validated by St.1948, c. 519 (6/9/1948).

⁵⁵ Operates under name "Weir River Water System"

Colrain			
* district boundaries ⁵⁶ (50)	1. Colrain Fire District No. 1	4/18/1902	St.1902, c. 318
* Lyonsville	2. W. W. Cary & Son (d/b/a) Water system acquired by V. Tenedine & Sons 5/1954	1920-1954	Local Approval
* a few customers (7)	3. The Kendall Company (11/10/1928) Water system acquired by Griswoldsville Water District 1962	c. 1928	Corporate Actions
* Cary system	4. V. Tenedine & Sons (d/b/a) Ceased water operations?	5/1954	Corporate Actions
* district boundaries (43)	5. Griswoldsville Water District	5/18/1962	St.1962, c. 470
Concord			
* town-wide (5704)	1. Town of Concord (with Lincoln)	4/10/1872	St.1872, c. 188
* Kalmia Woods district	Kalmia Woods Corporation Water system acquired by Kalmia Woods Water District 1953 – see St.1953, c. 357, § 14	6/29/1951	Articles of Organization
* Kalmia Woods system (c. 104)	3. Kalmia Woods Water District Dissolved and transferred to Town of Concord 1982 pursuant to St.1982, c. 463	5/8/1953	St.1953, c. 357
* Kalmia Woods WD franchise	4. Town of Concord	11/18/1982	St.1982, c. 463
Conway			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* town-wide	2. Conway Water Company Charter lapsed 4/16/1906	4/16/1903	St. 1903, c. 240
* section of town	3. Alexander Sinclair Estate Water Supply (d/b/a) Ceased operations 2/27/1956	1920-1956	Local Approval
Cummington			
* town-wide (105) ⁵⁷	1. Town of Cummington	4/8/1914	St.1914, c. 319
* town-wide	2. Cummington Water Company Never organized – charter lapsed 5/20/1917	5/20/1914	St. 1914, c. 550
Dalton			
* district boundaries ⁵⁸ (2222)	1. Dalton Fire District (est. 1884) (accepted 4/21/1884)	4/7/1884	St.1884, c. 137
* southwest part of town	2. Junction Water Company Acquired by New Junction Water Company 6/15/1952	3/15/1887	St.1887, c. 73
* Junction Water franchise (195)	3. New Junction Water Company Acquired by Dalton Fire District 7/31/1987	6/18/1952 ⁵⁹	Articles of Organization
Danvers			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Salem and Danvers Aqueduct Acquired by Town of Salem 1873 – see St.1864, c. 268, §§ 2, 18 (5/13/1864)	3/9/1797	St.1796, c. 76
* town-wide (8208)	2. Town of Danvers	4/24/1874	St.1874, c. 191
Dana	Town no longer exists – taken for Quabbin Reservoir	NA	NA
Dartmouth			
* Bay View summer colony	1. Bay View Supply (d/b/a) In operation as of 1905; ceased operations?	Pre-1899	Local Approval?
* Salters Point	2. Alvin F. Waite/James T. Smith Incorporated as Salters Point Water Company 5/31/1917	c. 1899	Local Approval
* town-wide (9738)	3. Town of Dartmouth	3/17/1914	St.1914, c. 188
* Waite/Smith system	4. Salters Point Water Company Ceased operations 1924 (?); company dissolved 1953	5/31/1917	Articles of Organization

⁵⁶ Colrain district allowed in 1969 to connect abutters outside of district to system; however, mains could not be extended beyond pre-1969 boundaries.

⁵⁷ Cummington has two water departments – Cummington Water (78) and West Cummington Water (27).

⁵⁸ Dalton district boundaries adjusted in 1976 to encompass all of town except New Junction Water's service territory.

⁵⁹ Junction Water assets transferred in 1952 without Department approval; transfer ratified pursuant to DPU 14193 (6/5/1963).

Dedham			
* town-wide	1. Dedham Water Company Acquired by Dedham-Westwood Water District 12/16/1986 – see St.1985, c. 193, § 10	4/11/1876	St.1876, c. 138
* <i>Dedham Water franchise</i>	2. <i>Dedham-Westwood Water District Not accepted by voters</i>	7/11/1950	St. 1950, c. 610
* Dedham Water franchise (13249) ⁶⁰	3. Dedham-Westwood Water District	7/24/1985	St.1985, c. 193
Deerfield			
* South Deerfield	1. South Deerfield Water Company Acquired by South Deerfield Water Supply District 1902	3/12/1894	St.1894, c. 369
* South Deerfield Water franchise ⁶¹ (1563)	2. South Deerfield Water Supply District	6/19/1902	St.1902, c. 486
* district boundaries ⁶² (348)	3. Deerfield Fire District	5/5/1911	St.1911, c. 408
* within 1 mile north of line	4. South Deerfield Water Supply District	4/4/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 253
Dennis			
* district boundaries (14116)	1. Dennis Water District	5/7/1945	St.1945, c. 277
* <i>district boundaries</i>	2. <i>Dennis South Water District Never formed</i> ⁶³	5/21/1945	St. 1945, c. 314
Dighton			
* town-wide	1. <i>Dighton and Somerset Water Company Never organized – company dissolved 1939</i>	6/5/1895	St. 1895, c. 487
* <i>district boundaries</i>	2. <i>Dighton Water Supply District Not accepted; enabling act repealed pursuant to St. 1950, c. 359</i>	3/31/1911	St. 1911, c. 226 ⁶⁴
* district boundaries ⁶⁵ (387)	3. North Dighton Fire District	5/28/1912	St.1912, c. 671
* town-wide	4. <i>Town of Dighton Enabling act expired 3/12/1920</i>	3/12/1917	Sp. St. 1917, c. 175
* district boundaries ⁶⁶	5. South Dighton Fire and Water District Repealed and acquired by Dighton Water District 1950 pursuant to St.1950, c. 359	4/5/1927	St.1927, c. 202
* district boundaries (1738)	6. Dighton Water District	4/17/1950	St.1950, c. 359
* wholesale service (1)	7. Aquaria, LLC (Delaware) ⁶⁷	5/22/2001	Articles of Organization
Douglas			
* town-wide (1118)	1. Town of Douglas	4/29/1909	St.1909, c. 377

⁶⁰ System-wide connections including Dedham and Westwood.

⁶¹ South Deerfield service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1948.

⁶² Deerfield service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1945.

⁶³ District would have been created only if voters rejected creation of Dennis Water District (St.1945, c. 314, § 14).

⁶⁴ Time for acceptance extended to 3/31/1917 pursuant to St.1914, c. 192 (3/17/1914).

⁶⁵ North Dighton service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1951.

⁶⁶ District boundaries expanded in 1939; district vote of 5/11/1942 accepting expansion ratified by St.1946, c. 261 (5/2/1946).

⁶⁷ Operates desalinization plant making sales to City of Brockton.

Dover			
* Dover Green area (23)	1. Dover Green Water Company (d/b/a) Incorporated as Dover Green Water Company 1950 – see DPU 9104 (7/31/1950)	1935	Local Approval
* Dover Green system (25)	2. Dover Green Water Company Acquired by Dover Water Works pursuant to DPU 12284-A (10/10/1957)	6/1/1950	Articles of Organization
* Old Farm Road (15)	3. McNamara Water System (Eleanor McNamara, d/b/a) Acquired by Old Farm Road Water Trust 12/31/1992	1951	Local Approval
* Dover Green Water franchise (13)	4. Dover Water Works Acquired by Dover Water Company, Inc. 2003 – see DTE 01-55 (7/23/2003)	7/10/1957	Articles of Organization
* sections of town (504)	5. Dover Water Company (Ruth Fryer, d/b/a) Acquired by Dover Water Company, Inc. 1995 pursuant to DPU 95-96 (11/22/1995) ⁶⁸	9/1961	Local Approval
* Dover/Natick town line	6. Town of Natick	¾/1963	St.1963, c. 87
* center of town (3)	7. Town of Dover	3/18/1968	Town Vote ⁶⁹
* a few customers (12)	8. Bedell Water System (Dr. Lawrence Bedell, d/b/a) ⁷⁰ Ceased operations 1986	4/1/1978 *	Local Approval
* Glen Ridge (44)	9. Glen Ridge Residents Trust (from Natick supply)	pre-1985	Declaration of Trust
* Springdale Farms (41)	10. Springdale Farms Water Supply Trust Acquired by Colonial Water Company 6/29/2018 pursuant to DPU 17-177 (6/6/2018)	9/17/1986	Declaration of Trust
* Fryer system (540)	11. Dover Water Company, Inc. Acquired by Colonial Water Company 12/9/2010	12/22/1990	Articles of Organization
* McNamara system (15)	12. Old Farm Road Water Trust	1992	Declaration of Trust
* Meadowbrook (26)	13. Meadowbrook Water Trust	2001	Declaration of Trust
* Dover Water franchise (585)	14. Colonial Water Company (Connecticut) Acquired by Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts – DPU 21-54 (10/29/2021)	11/1/2010	Purchase
* Colonial Water franchise (636)	15. Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts	12/2/2021	DPU 21-54
Dracut			
* town-wide	1. Dracut Water Supply Company <i>Never organized – company dissolved 1904</i>	5/28/1890	St.1890, c. 344
* district boundaries ⁷¹ (7244)	2. Dracut Water Supply District	5/23/1905	St.1905, c. 433
* Kenwood district	3. Town of Dracut <i>Enabling act expired 7/5/1954</i>	7/5/1950	St.1950, c. 595
* Kenwood district (1973)	4. Kenwood Water District Abolished 10/18/1965 pursuant to St.1965, c. 730 (10/18/1965) Town of Dracut now operates as a consecutive water system	8/9/1951	St.1951, c. 598
Dudley			
* town-wide (2369)	1. Town of Dudley	4/1/1909	St.1909, c. 252
Dunstable			
* town-wide (102)	1. Town of Dunstable	5/26/1916	Sp. St.1916, c. 344
* Dunstable franchise	2. Dunstable Water District <i>Enabling act expired 6/3/1952</i>	6/3/1948	St.1948, c. 461

⁶⁸ Operated by Dover Water Company, Inc. after 12/22/1990.

⁶⁹ Town of Dover's action validated by St.1968, c. 360 (5/28/1968).

⁷⁰ Dr. Bedell's system also referred to in various documents as Clough Water Company.

⁷¹ Dracut district boundaries expanded in 1919, 1929, 1934, 1953, and 1966.

Duxbury			
* district boundaries ⁷²	1. Duxbury Fire and Water District Acquired by Town of Duxbury 1955 pursuant to St.1955, c. 330, § 1	4/6/1914	St.1914, c. 313
* ex-Brant Rock Water ⁷³	2. Town of Marshfield	4/18/1927	St.1927, c. 271
* 1000' beyond town line	3. Town of Pembroke	7/17/1945	St.1945, c. 617
* 2000' beyond town line	4. Town of Kingston	3/5/1953	St.1953, c. 151
* Duxbury F&WD franchise (5637)	5. Town of Duxbury	5/2/1955	St.1955, c. 330
East Bridgewater			
* town-wide	1. Bridgewaters Water Company System in town acquired by Town of East Bridgewater 1913 pursuant to St.1913, c. 111, § 1	4/18/1887	St.1887, c. 192
* Bridgewaters Water franchise (4256)	2. Town of East Bridgewater	2/17/1913	St.1913, c. 111
East Brookfield⁷⁴			
* town-wide	1. Town of Brookfield System in town acquired by Town of East Brookfield 1920 pursuant to St.1920, c. 178, § 5	3/6/1888	St.1888, c. 79
* Brookfield franchise (619)	2. Town of East Brookfield	3/24/1920	St.1920, c. 178, § 5
East Longmeadow			
* town-wide (6003)	1. Town of East Longmeadow ⁷⁵	1913	???
Eastham			
* seasonal operation (20)	1. Campground Water Supply (Ernest Phipps, d/b/a) Sold to Raymond Pemberton 6/1969 Ceased operations 10/31/1971	5/1/1945 *	Local Approval
* town-wide	2. Town of Eastham <i>Enabling act expired 4/25/1971</i>	4/25/1967	St.1967, c. 184
Easthampton			
* town-wide	1. Easthampton Aqueduct Company Company dissolved 1893 – probably acquired by Town of Easthampton	3/18/1867	St.1867, c. 84
* town-wide (5799)	2. Town of Easthampton	4/28/1891	St.1891, c. 252

⁷² Duxbury district boundaries clarified in 1915, and expanded in 1929.

⁷³ Area of Duxbury being served by Brant Rock Water Company at that time.

⁷⁴ Part of Brookfield until 1920.

⁷⁵ Springfield provided wholesale service through Springfield main running through East Longmeadow.

⁷⁶ St.1912, c. 607 (5/17/1912) authorized City of Springfield to supply water to any community in Hampden County (except Holyoke), or persons and corporations within said towns.

Easton			
* North Easton district	1. North Easton Water Company Transferred rights to North Easton Village District 1887 – see St.1887, c. 169, § 9	4/14/1887	St.1887, c. 169
* North Easton district	2. North Easton Village District (est. 1873 – no record) Acquired by Town of Easton 1957 pursuant to St.1952, c. 487	4/14/1887	St.1887, c. 169, § 9
* South Easton/Eastondale	3. South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District Acquired by Town of Easton 1957 pursuant to St.1952, c. 487	3/29/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 232
* Unionville district	4. Unionville Fire and Water District (accepted 5/18/1916) Acquired by Town of Easton 1957 pursuant to St.1952, c. 487	4/27/1916	Sp. St.1916, c. 239
* Furnace Village district	5. Furnace Village Water District (accepted 4/13/1931) ⁷⁷ May have never constructed a water system	3/30/1931	St.1931, c. 147
* Easton Center district	6. Easton Center Water District Acquired by Town of Easton 1957 pursuant to St.1952, c. 487	4/16/1935	St.1935, c. 220
* 4 district franchises (7431)	7. Town of Easton	6/25/1952	St.1952, c. 487 ⁷⁸
Edgartown			
* town-wide	1. Edgartown Water Company <i>Company dissolved 1904</i>	4/15/1897	St.1897, c. 282
* town-wide (2296)	2. Edgartown Water Company Acquired by Town of Edgartown 9/1992 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/17/1906	St.1906, c. 143
* Edgartown Water franchise (3108)	3. Town of Edgartown	1991	Town Vote
Egremont			
* North Egremont village	1. North Egremont Aqueduct Company <i>Never operational – company dissolved 1937</i>	5/11/1853	St.1853, c. 331
* general grant	2. Great Barrington Fire District	6/3/1902	St.1902, c. 439 ⁷⁹
* South Egremont village (218)	3. South Egremont Water Company Acquired by Town of Egremont 9/30/1996 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/6/1912	St.1912, c. 436
* North Egremont village	4. North Egremont Water Company <i>Company dissolved 1915 – never operational?</i>	5/21/1912	St.1912, c. 612
* South Egremont Water franchise (212)	5. Town of Egremont	1996	Town Vote
Erving			
* town-wide (269)	1. Town of Erving (accepted 1/25/1888)	4/23/1885	St.1885, c. 187
* Precinct 1	2. Erving Water District Acquired by Town of Erving 1996 pursuant to St.1996, c. 42	5/28/1918	Sp. St.1918, c. 172
*Erving WD franchise	3. Town of Erving	3/15/1996	St.1996, c. 42
Enfield			
	Town no longer exists – taken for Quabbin Reservoir	NA	NA
* section of town (< 20)	2. Quabbin Aqueduct Company Ceased operation c. 1924; company dissolved 1928	2/3/1905	Articles of Organization
Essex			
* town-wide (1099)	1. Town of Essex	5/31/1934	St.1934, c. 231
Everett			
* town-wide (8181)	1. Town of Everett	4/19/1871	St.1871, c. 205

⁷⁷ District actions, including vote to accept enabling act, validated pursuant to St.1950, c. 408 (5/8/1950).

⁷⁸ Time for acceptance extended to 6/25/1962 pursuant to St.1957, c. 557 (7/19/1957)).

⁷⁹ Time for acceptance extended to 5/3/1907 pursuant to St.1905, c. 84 (2/17/1905).

Fairhaven			
* town-wide	1. Fairhaven Water Company Acquired by Town of Fairhaven 10/5/1968 pursuant to St.1967, c. 830	4/9/1888	St.1888, c. 196
* Fairhaven Water franchise (6433)	2. Town of Fairhaven	12/27/1967	St.1967, c. 830 ⁸⁰
Fall River			
* city-wide (19809)	1. City of Fall River	3/24/1871	St.1871, c. 153
Falmouth			
* district boundaries	1. Falmouth Highlands Trust May have been acquired by Town of Falmouth	4/23/1891	St.1891, c. 225
* North Falmouth area	2. North Falmouth Water Supply Company (Chester Sprague, d/b/a) May have been acquired by Town of Falmouth	c. 1893	Local Approval
* Falmouth Heights district (35)	3. Falmouth Heights Water Company May have been acquired by Falmouth Water Company 1898 – see St.1898, c. 66, § 6	5/18/1894	St.1894, c. 400
* town-wide	4. Falmouth Water Company Acquired by Town of Falmouth 12/1904 through municipal purchase option in charter	2/18/1898	St.1898, c. 66
*Falmouth Water franchise (23281)	5. Town of Falmouth	1904	Town Vote

⁸⁰ Also see St.1966, c. 716 (9/9/1966) authorizing conveyance of company stock from Millicent Library to Town.

Fitchburg			
* town-wide	1. Fitchburg Gas Company Known to have been built, but other information lacking	5/28/1856	St.1856, c. 194
* town-wide	2. Pearl Hill Water Company Never organized – company dissolved 1937	4/29/1865	St.1865, c. 177
* town-wide	3. Fitchburg Water Company Never operational – town acquired rights and built own system	3/19/1870	St.1870, c. 95
* Fitchburg Water franchise (11097)	4. Town of Fitchburg	6/6/1870	Town Vote ⁸¹
Florida	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Foxborough			
* district boundaries ⁸²	1. Foxborough Water Supply District Acquired by Town of Foxborough 1931 pursuant to St.1931, c. 227, § 1	4/4/1879	St.1879, c. 196
* district boundaries	2. East Foxborough Water Supply District Acquired by Foxborough Water Supply District 1925 pursuant to St.1925, c. 430 (4/30/1925)	4/6/1911	St.1911, c. 245
* Foxborough WSD franchise (5494)	3. Town of Foxborough	4/21/1931	St.1931, c. 227
Framingham			
* town-wide	1. Town of Framingham (accepted 12/27/1887)	4/20/1881	St.1881, c. 206
* town-wide	2. Framingham Water Company Acquired by Town of Framingham 9/1/1906 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/24/1884	St.1884, c. 271
* Framingham Water franchise (17881)	3. Town of Framingham	1906	Town Vote
Franklin			
* town-wide	1. Franklin Water Company ⁸³ Acquired by Town of Franklin 6/1/1907 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/16/1883	St.1883, c. 182
*Franklin Water franchise (9827)	2. Town of Franklin	1907	Town Vote
Freetown			
* Morton's Corner area	1. City of New Bedford	3/21/1913	St.1913, c. 314
* Country Road area	2. City of New Bedford	4/11/1918	Sp. St.1918, c. 122
* end-use and/or supply	3. City of New Bedford	3/17/1922	St.1922, c. 169
* town-wide (577)	4. Town of Freetown	5/14/1951	St.1951, c. 314
* seasonal cottages (125)	5. Community Utilities Ceased operations c. 1978; company dissolved 12/31/1990	11/13/1961	Articles of Organization
Gardner			
* town-wide	1. Gardner Water Company ⁸⁴ Acquired by Town of Gardner 1902 through municipal purchase option in charter	8/10/1882	St.1882, c. 145
* Gardner Water franchise (5667)	2. Town of Gardner	4/26/1902	Town Vote ⁸⁵
Georgetown			
* town-wide (2748)	1. Town of Georgetown	4/16/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 281

⁸¹ Vote pursuant to municipal assumption provision of Fitchburg Water enabling act (St.1870, § 95, § 9); rights of City of Fitchburg under that act reaffirmed pursuant to St.1872, c. 81, § 29 (3/4/1872)).

⁸² Foxborough district boundaries expanded in 1891, 1894, and 1913.

⁸³ Charter provided for a 25-year franchise from in-service date.

⁸⁴ Charter provided for a franchise through 1902.

⁸⁵ St.1902, c. 287 (4/11/1902) authorized town to draw water from sources within town upon purchase of company.

Gill			
* Riverside village	1. Unnamed private system Acquired by Riverside Water Company 1889	prior to 1889	Local Approval
* Riverside village	2. Riverside Water Company Acquired by Riverside Water District 7/1/1970 pursuant to St.1970, c. 274	4/19/1888	St.1888, c. 241
* Riverside Water franchise (113)	3. Riverside Water District	5/6/1970	St.1970, c. 274
Gloucester			
* town-wide	1. <i>Town of Gloucester (rejected 10/24/1881)</i>	4/17/1880	St.1880, c. 403
* town-wide	2. Gloucester Water Supply Company Acquired by Town of Gloucester 10/1/1895 – see St.1895, c. 451, § 16	3/31/1881	St.1881, c. 167
* Gloucester Water franchise (10895)	3. Town of Gloucester	6/4/1895	St.1895, c. 451
Goshen			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* Hammond Acres (69)	2. Hammond Acres Water (Dennis Devlin, d/b/a) Acquired by Hammond Acres Water Corporation 9/24/1997	1963	Local Approval
* Devlin system (76)	3. Hammond Acres Water Corporation (association)	6/18/1997	Articles of Association
Gosnold			
* town-wide (185)	1. Town of Gosnold	5/2/1917	Sp.St.1917, c. 314
Grafton			
* Grafton Centre	1. <i>Grafton Aqueduct Company Never organized</i>	3/15/1845	St.1845, c. 134
* Fisherville	2. Fisherville Water Company (Fisher Manufacturing, d/b/a) Acquired by South Grafton Water District 1/1/1952 – see St.1948, c. 485, § 10	8/16/1881	Articles of Organization
* town-wide	3. Grafton Water Company Acquired by Massachusetts Water Works 9/30/1978 pursuant to DPU 19436 (7/20/1978) Operations in Grafton acquired by Grafton Water District 2/1988 – see St.1984, c. 486, § 15	5/4/1886	St.1886, c. 211
* mill and some homes	4. Saundersville Water Works (Saunders Cotton Mills, d/b/a) (established 5/9/1848, pursuant to St.1848, c. 293) Acquired by South Grafton Water District 1/14/1952 – see St.1948, c. 485, § 10	1890	Corporate actions
* South Grafton	5. Wuskanut Worsted (11/23/1943) Water system acquired by South Grafton Water District 1/1/1952 – see St.1948, c. 485, § 10	c. 1943	Corporate actions
* district boundaries (840)	6. South Grafton Water District	6/4/1948	St.1948, c. 485
* district boundaries ⁸⁶ (4345)	7. Grafton Water District	7/3/1984	St.1984, c. 135
Granby			
* Bachelor Knolls (31)	1. Bachelor Knolls (association)	10/5/1959	Articles of Organization
* Virginia Drive	2. South Hadley Fire District No. 2	5/31/1966	St.1966, c. 321
* district boundaries	3. <i>Granby Water District Enabling act expired 7/12/1981</i>	7/12/1977	St.1977, c. 404
Granville			
* center of town (34)	1. Granville Centre Water Company	5/5/1910	St.1910, c. 486

⁸⁶ Grafton district boundaries expanded in 1987, and district not obligated to acquire any Massachusetts-American water assets outside of district.

Great Barrington			
* Great Barrington village (1663)	1. Great Barrington Fire District	5/5/1865	St.1865, c. 198
* Great Barrington village	2. Great Barrington Water Company Acquired by Great Barrington Fire District 4/1/1892 pursuant to St.1887, c. 396, § 1	6/4/1868	St.1868, c. 300
* Great Barrington village ⁸⁷ (< 20)	3. Mansfield Lake Aqueduct Company Acquired by Great Barrington Fire District 3/1894	3/27/1884	St.1884, c. 113
* Housatonic village (110)	4. Housatonic Water Company Foreclosure 10/1/1896; acquired by Housatonic Water Works Company 1898	5/22/1884	St.1884, c. 262
* Berkshire Heights village	5. Berkshire Heights Water Company Acquired by Great Barrington Fire District 6/2/1890 – see St.1890, c. 429, § 1	6/22/1886	St.1886, c. 311
* Great Barrington Water franchise	6. Great Barrington Fire District	6/11/1887	St.1887, c. 396
* Berkshire Heights Water franchise	7. Great Barrington Fire District	6/21/1890	St.1890, c. 429
* Housatonic Water franchise (821)	8. Housatonic Water Works Company	4/2/1897	St.1897, c. 229
* Housatonic Water Works franchise	9. Housatonic Fire and Water District <i>Enabling act expired 5/1/1931⁸⁸</i>	5/1/1923	St.1923, c. 341
Greenfield			
* town-wide	1. Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Greenfield Never organized?	6/16/1796	St.1796, c. 22
	2. Greenfield Aqueduct Company No record of organization – company dissolved 1893	7/27/1827	Articles of Organization
* town-wide	3. Greenfield Fire District No. 1 Acquired by Town of Greenfield 1921 pursuant to St.1921, c. 429, § 1	5/6/1870	St.1870, c. 222
* Greenfield FD franchise	4. Town of Greenfield <i>Enabling act expired 5/8/1909</i>	5/8/1908	St.1908, c. 506
* Greenfield FD franchise (5686)	5. Town of Greenfield	5/24/1921	St.1921, c. 429
Greenwich			
	Town no longer exists – taken for Quabbin Reservoir	NA	NA
Groton			
* town-wide	1. Groton Water Company Acquired by Town of Groton 6/1/1982 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/5/1897	St.1897, c. 338
* district boundaries ⁸⁹ (599)	2. West Groton Water District	7/7/1911	St.1911, c. 641
* Groton Water franchise (1708)	3. Town of Groton	3/20/1982	Town Vote
Groveland			
* town-wide (1954)	1. Town of Groveland	3/28/1903	St.1903, c. 184
Hadley			
* town-wide	1. Hadley Water Company <i>Charter lapsed 3/19/1905</i>	3/19/1902	St.1902, c. 197
* district boundaries ⁹⁰	2. Hadley Water Supply District Dissolved and transferred to Town of Hadley 1972 pursuant to St.1971, c. 714	3/9/1905	St.1905, c. 146
* Hadley WSD franchise (2214)	3. Town of Hadley	8/26/1971	St.1971, c. 714
Halifax			
* town-wide (2799)	1. Town of Halifax	2/11/1950	St.1950, c. 82

⁸⁷ Statute provided that company not authorized to serve existing customers of Great Barrington Water, and could only serve other inhabitants on Great Barrington Water's refusal, neglect, or failure to do so.

⁸⁸ Time for acceptance and commencement of operations extended to 5/1/1931 pursuant to St.1926, c. 30 (2/11/1926).

⁸⁹ West Groton district boundaries expanded in 1927; service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1935.

⁹⁰ Hadley district boundaries expanded in 1949 and 1954.

Hamilton			
* town-wide (2513)	1. Town of Hamilton	2/26/1902	St.1902, c. 122
Hampden			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* Scantic Valley (9)	2. Scantic Valley Water District	9/24/1999	St.1999, c. 86
Hancock	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* Hancock Shaker Village	2. Hancock Shaker Village	Pre-1818	Local Approval
Hanover			
* town-wide	1. Town of Hanover <i>Enabling act expired 4/6/1914</i>	4/6/1911	St.1911, c. 248
* town-wide (4947)	2. Town of Hanover	2/13/1930	St.1930, c. 39
Hanson			
* on application of resident	1. Towns of Abington/Rockland/South Abington (individually or jointly)	4/30/1885	St.1885, c. 206, § 9
* on application of resident	2. Town of Whitman	3/19/1913	St.1913, c. 301
* town-wide (3248)	3. Town of Hanson	5/17/1916	Sp. St.1916, c. 320
Hardwick			
* Gilbertville	1. Gilbertville Water Company (d/b/a) Incorporated as Gilbertville Water Company 1938 – see DPU 5673 (1938) and DPU 7632 (12/31/1946)	pre-1904	Local Approval
* section of town	2. George H. Gilbert Manufacturing (5/27/1867) Water system ceased operations 12/31/1936	3/25/1910	St.1910, c. 277
* around factory	3. Doeskin Products (New York) Water system to Wheelwright Water District 12/1952	1920-1952	Corporate actions
* Wheelwright	4. Wheelwright Water Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Wheelwright Water District 12/1952 – see St.1951, c. 464, § 15	1920-1936	Local Approval
* Gilbertville Water system	5. Gilbertville Water Company Fire protection/sewerage assets acquired by Town of Hardwick 1949 – see St.1949, c. 478, § 1 Domestic use assets acquired by Gilbertville Water District 1949 – see St.1949, c. 414, § 15	7/6/1938	Articles of Organization
* Gilbertville Water fire protection	6. Town of Hardwick	6/1/1949	St.1949, c. 478
* Gilbertville Water domestic use (207)	7. Gilbertville Water District	6/9/1949	St.1949, c. 414
* Wheelwright Water system (84)	8. Wheelwright Water District	6/30/1951	St.1951, c. 464
* domestic use (18)	9. Town of Hardwick (from town-owned wells) ⁹¹	2/6/1963	St.1963, c. 15
Harvard			
* portion of town	1. Hildreth Brothers Supply (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Harvard post-1937?	c. 1899	Local Approval
* Harvard Village	2. Harvard Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Harvard c. 1937	1920-1936	Local Approval
* town-wide (98)	3. Town of Harvard	3/12/1937	St.1937, c. 104
Harwich			
* town-wide	1. Harwich Water Company <i>Charter lapsed 5/23/1929</i> ⁹²	5/23/1923	St.1923, c. 490
* town-wide (9806)	2. Town of Harwich	4/15/1935	St.1935, c. 165
Hatfield			
* town-wide (1316)	1. Town of Hatfield (accepted 8/6/1897)	3/30/1895	St.1895, c. 121

⁹¹ Referred to as “Hardwick Center Water District.”

⁹² Time to start drawing water extended to 5/23/1929 pursuant to St.1926, c. 262 (4/20/1926).

Haverhill			
* town-wide	1. Haverhill Aqueduct Company (association) Incorporated as Haverhill Aqueduct 3/16/1867	12/2/1802	Association
* incorporation	2. Haverhill Aqueduct Company Acquired by City of Haverhill 7/6/1891 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/16/1867	St.1867, c. 73
* town-wide (17302)	3. City of Haverhill	1891	City Vote ⁹³
* Bradford ⁹⁴			
* town-wide	1. Bradford Water Company Never organized	4/4/1884	St.1884, c. 136
* town-wide	2. Bradford Water Company Acquired by Town of Bradford 4/1/1894 through municipal purchase option in charter	6/22/1886	St.1886, c. 310
* Bradford Water franchise	3. Town of Bradford	1894	Town Vote
Hawley	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Heath	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Hingham			
* town-wide	1. Town of Hingham Enabling act expired 4/7/1881	4/7/1876	St.1876, c. 130
* town-wide (8162)	2. Hingham Water Company Name changed to Massachusetts-American Water Company 12/28/1989 Name changed to Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts 4/25/2001 Acquired by Town of Hingham 8/1/2020 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/21/1879	St.1879, c. 139
* along Abington Street	3. Towns of Abington and Rockland	5/8/1952	St.1952, c. 288
AWC franchise	4. Town of Hingham ⁹⁵	4/22/2019	Town Vote
Hinsdale			
* entire town	1. Hinsdale Fire District (est. 4/11/1889) Abolished and transferred to Town of Hinsdale 1972 pursuant to St.1972, c. 795	4/12/1889	St.1889, c. 244
* Ashmere Drive area (50)	2. Ashmere Heights Water Service (Eleanore Robert, d/b/a) Acquired by South Ashmere Water Association 7/22/2004	c. 1971	Local Approval
* Hinsdale FD franchise/town (424)	3. Town of Hinsdale	7/19/1972	St.1972, c. 795
* George Schopp Road (23)	4. Ashmere Realty (Augustus J. Lombardi, d/b/a) Name changed to Ashmere Water Supply 1981 Acquired by Aquarius Water Company c. 1998	9/1/1973	Local Approval
* Lombardi system ⁹⁶ (26)	5. Aquarius Water Company	1/17/1990	Articles of Organization
* Robert system (50)	6. South Ashmere Water Association	3/19/2004	Articles of Organization
Holbrook			
* town-wide (3762)	1. Town of Holbrook (with Braintree and Randolph)	5/8/1885	St.1885, c. 217
Holden			
* town-wide (6161)	1. Town of Holden	3/21/1896 ⁹⁷	St.1896, c. 180
Holland	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* town-wide	2. Town of Holland Ceased operation sometime after 1911	1904	Town Vote

⁹³ St.1891, c. 348 (5/21/1891) ratified city's right to certain supplies and approved certain governance and financing measures if city exercised municipal buyout provisions in Haverhill Aqueduct's charter and related acts.

⁹⁴ Bradford annexed to Haverhill in 1897.

⁹⁵ Operates under name "Weir River Water System"

⁹⁶ Aquarius Water is a certified water operator that took over company shortly after death of Mr. Lombardi in 1998.

⁹⁷ Subsequent legislation in 1899 and 1902 extended time for acceptance to 4/10/1905.

Holliston			
* town-wide	1. Holliston Water Company Acquired by Town of Holliston 6/1/1945 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/26/1884	St.1884, c. 106
* Holliston Water franchise (4671)	2. Town of Holliston	1945	Town Vote
Holyoke			
* town-wide (8103)	1. City of Holyoke	3/7/1872	St.1872, c. 62
* Elmwood district (10)	2. Crystal Spring Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Still in existence as of 1922	c. 1885	Local Approval
* subdevelopment (92)	3. Pequot Water Company Acquired by City of Holyoke 10/1983	5/1/1974	Articles of Organization
Hopedale⁹⁸			
* town-wide	1. Milford Water Company System in town acquired by Town of Hopedale 1948 pursuant to St.1948, c. 568, § 1	3/9/1881	St.1881, c. 77
* Milford Water franchise (2365)	2. Town of Hopedale	6/12/1948	St.1948, c. 568
Hopkinton			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aquifer in Hopkinton Company dissolved 1873 – never operational?	6/27/1798	St.1798, c. 27
* town-wide (3326)	2. Town of Hopkinton	4/10/1877	St.1877, c. 122
Hubbardston	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Hudson			
* town-wide (5819)	1. Town of Hudson (accepted 12/14/1887)	4/25/1883	St.1883, c. 149
Hull			
* Nantasket Beach area	1. Hingham Water Company	3/21/1879	St.1879, c. 139
* rest of town (4608)	2. Hingham Water Company Name changed to Massachusetts-American Water Company 12/28/1989 Name changed to Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts 4/25/2001 Acquired by Town of Hingham 8/1/2020 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/3/1881	St.1881, c. 59
* Fort Revere area (54)	3. Nantasket Beach Water Works (d/b/a) Acquired by Hingham Water Company 12/31/1985 pursuant to DPU 85-76 (12/31/1985)	1950	Local Approval
Aquarion franchise	4. Town of Hingham ⁹⁹	4/22/2019	Town Vote
Huntington			
* section of town	1. Charles F. Cole/William G. Kimball/Myron R. Fisk Acquired by Huntington Fire District 1898 pursuant to St.1898, c. 344, § 2	pre-1898	Local Approval
* Cole/Kimball/Fisk system	2. Huntington Fire District (est. 4/15/1898) Dissolved and transferred to Town of Huntington 6/10/1974 pursuant to St.1974, c. 328	4/15/1898	St.1898, c. 344
* Huntington FD franchise (216)	3. Town of Huntington	6/10/1974	St.1974, c. 328
Ipswich			
* town-wide (4704)	1. Town of Ipswich	5/23/1890	St.1890, c. 313
Kingston			
* section of town (< 50)	1. Kingston Aqueduct Association Acquired by Town of Kingston 10/15/1888 – see St.1885, c. 239, § 9	9/17/1804	No record
* town-wide (4406)	2. Town of Kingston (accepted 1/24/1888)	5/15/1885	St.1885, c. 239

⁹⁸ Part of Milford until 1886.

⁹⁹ Operates under name "Weir River Water System"

Lakeville			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* South Main/Bridge Sts.	2. Lakeville Sanitarium Name changed to Lakeville Hospital 6/28/1963 pursuant to St.1963, c. 527 Hospital closed 1993	5/29/1935	St.1935, c. 308
* Buena Vista Shores ¹⁰⁰ (150)	3. Resort Supply Name changed to Astro Water Supply 3/25/1985 Acquired by Clark Shores Water Corporation 4/2002	2/25/1956	Articles of Organization
* Rhode Island Road	4. Town of Middleborough	9/6/1960	St.1960, c. 640
* Astro Water Supply franchise (150)	5. Clark Shores Water Corporation	4/4/2002	Articles of Association
Lancaster			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Lancaster Company dissolved 1873	2/14/1797	St.1796, c. 214
* town-wide	2. New Boston Aqueduct Company Acquired by Town of Lancaster 10/1/1900	3/11/1826	Not recorded
* north of Bolton Road	3. Union Aqueduct Company Never organized	5/17/1871	St.1871, c. 309
* town-wide	4. Lancaster Water Company ¹⁰¹ Acquired by Town of Lancaster 4/26/1893 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/26/1884	St.1884, c. 108
* abutters on Clinton main	5. Town of Clinton	3/27/1884	St.1884, c. 114
* Lancaster Water franchise (1813)	6. Town of Lancaster	1893	Town Vote
* Orchard Hills Athletic Club	7. City of Leominster	4/9/1998	St.1998, c. 69
Lanesborough			
* 500' beyond town line	1. City of Pittsfield	4/11/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 275
* district boundaries	2. Berkshire Village Fire and Water District Enabling act expired 4/28/1941	4/28/1938	St.1938, c. 252
* district boundaries (888)	3. Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District	4/28/1938	St.1938, c. 255
Lawrence			
* town-wide	1. Lawrence Aqueduct Company Never organized – company dissolved 1936	5/10/1848	St.1848, c. 329
* town-wide (12174)	2. City of Lawrence	3/8/1872	St.1872, c. 79
Lee			
* town-wide	1. Berkshire Water Company Acquired by Town of Lee 3/29/1946 pursuant to St.1946, c. 9, § 1	3/19/1880	St.1880, c. 127
* Pleasant Valley	2. Pleasant Valley Water Company Charter lapsed 5/16/1890 – company dissolved 1937	5/16/1887	St.1887, c. 275
* within 1½ miles of Stockbridge border	3. Stockbridge Water Company Acquired by Town of Stockbridge 12/31/1972 pursuant to St.1972, c. 690 (7/13/1972)	3/18/1896	St.1896, c. 157
* Berkshire Water franchise (2153)	4. Town of Lee	1/22/1946	St.1946, c. 9
Leicester			
* district boundaries (683)	1. Leicester Water Supply District	3/29/1888	St.1888, c. 171
* Cherry Valley/Rochdale ¹⁰² (1262)	2. Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District	4/12/1910	St.1910, c. 381
* district boundaries ¹⁰³ (379)	3. Hillcrest Water Supply District	4/17/1950	St.1950, c. 358
* district boundaries	4. Mount Pleasant Water District Enabling act expired 8/10/1959	8/10/1955	St.1955, c. 664
* district boundaries	5. Stiles Lake Water District ¹⁰⁴	10/25/1976	St.1976, c. 476

¹⁰⁰ Later known as Clark Shores.

¹⁰¹ Charter provided for a 15-year franchise from in-service date. Company also could not serve customers in New Boston Aqueduct's service area unless it purchased New Boston Aqueduct's assets.

¹⁰² Cherry Valley and Rochdale district boundaries expanded in 1939 and 1996; boundaries adjusted in 2006.

¹⁰³ Hillcrest district boundaries expanded in 1971.

¹⁰⁴ Stiles Lake Water District does not appear to have constructed a central water distribution system.

Lenox			
* town-wide	1. Lenox Water Company Never organized	5/21/1857	St.1857, c. 204
* town-wide	2. Lenox Water Company Never organized	4/2/1867	St.1867, c. 118
* town-wide	3. Lenox Water Company Acquired by Town of Lenox 12/31/1947 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/28/1874	St.1874, c. 209
* Pleasant Valley	4. Pleasant Valley Water Company Charter lapsed 5/16/1890 – company dissolved 1937	5/16/1887	St.1887, c. 275
* within ½ mile of river	5. Berkshire Water Company Acquired by Town of Lee 3/29/1946 pursuant to St.1946, c. 9 (1/22/1946) ¹⁰⁵	4/2/1897	St.1897, c. 234
* Aspinwall Hotel & area ¹⁰⁶ (1)	6. Aspinwall Water Company Ceased operations 4/1931 – fire; company dissolved 10/13/1943	4/13/1904	St.1904, c. 235
* New Lenox area ¹⁰⁷	7. City of Pittsfield	6/22/1911	St.1911, c. 580
* Lenox Water franchise (2080)	8. Town of Lenox	1947	Town Vote
Leominster			
* town-wide (12886)	1. Town of Leominster	5/5/1871	St.1871, c. 249
Leverett	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Lexington			
* town-wide	1. Lexington Water Company Charter lapsed	5/12/1873	St.1873, c. 274
* town-wide	2. Lexington Water Company Acquired by Town of Lexington 12/10/1895 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/12/1881	St.1881, c. 267
* Lexington Water franchise (13445)	3. Town of Lexington	1895	Town Vote
Leyden	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Lincoln			
* town-wide (1718)	1. Town of Lincoln (with Concord)	4/10/1872	St.1872, c. 188
Littleton			
* factory and environs	1. Conant, Houghton & Company (New York?) Acquired by Town of Littleton 1911 pursuant to St.1911, c. 677, § 2	pre-1911	Corporate actions
* Conant Houghton system/town-wide (3508)	2. Town of Littleton	6/30/1911	St.1911, c. 617
* Wannalancit Trail area (6)	3. Wannalancit Water Company (Oakley Davis, d/b/a) (water trust) Ceased operations/ connected to town system?	1/1/1959	Local Approval
Longmeadow			
* town-wide (5682)	1. Town of Longmeadow	4/14/1899	St.1899, c. 267 ¹⁰⁸
Lowell			
* city-wide (30697)	1. City of Lowell	5/21/1855	St.1855, c. 435

¹⁰⁵ Rates required to be the same as those for similar service in Lee pursuant to St.1981, c. 22 (3/10/1981).

¹⁰⁶ Charter covered northern part of Lenox; service confined to Aspinwall Hotel and surrounding area.

¹⁰⁷ Expanded to area within 1 mile of Lenox-Pittsfield town line pursuant to St.1930, c. 250 (4/24/1930).

¹⁰⁸ Statute also ratified and confirmed Longmeadow's previous votes of 12/19/1894 and 1/29/1895 to finance a water system.

Ludlow			
* within 1 mile of river (714)	1. Ludlow Manufacturing Company ¹⁰⁹ Acquired by City of Springfield 3/21/1937	4/1/1889	St.1889, c. 200
* limited end-uses ¹¹⁰	2. City of Springfield (if main laid in Ludlow)	5/24/1889	St.1889, c. 368
* town-wide	3. Town of Ludlow (through contract with Springfield) ¹¹¹	6/28/1977	St.1977, c. 343
Lunenburg			
* entire town	1. Town of Leominster Enabling act repealed by St.1899, c. 427, § 4 (5/27/1899)	3/16/1899	St.1899, c. 150
* 1899 act rewritten	2. Town of Leominster Further expansion terminated 1947 - see St.1914, c. 339, § 19	5/27/1899	St.1899, c. 427
* district boundaries	3. <i>Lunenburg Water Supply District</i> <i>Not approved; authority terminated 1947 – see St. 1914, c. 339, § 19</i>	3/30/1913	St. 1913, c. 203
* town-wide	4. Lunenburg Water Company Acquired by Lunenburg Water District 1939	4/13/1914	St.1914, c. 339
* Lunenburg Water franchise (2342)	5. Lunenburg Water District Acquisition by Town of Lunenburg 1947 authorized by St.1947, c. 281, § 1 – rejected	2/14/1939	St.1939, c. 17
* Lunenburg WD franchise	4. <i>Town of Lunenburg</i> <i>Rejected by voters</i>	4/21/1947	St.1947, c. 281
Lynn			
* city-wide	1. Lynn Aqueduct Company In operation as of 1883; company dissolved 1914 ¹¹²	4/4/1865	St.1865, c. 132
* city-wide (20598)	2. City of Lynn	6/23/1869	St.1869, c. 462
Lynnfield			
* section of town	1. Lynnfield Water Company Company dissolved 3/31/1931 ¹¹³	5/8/1917	Articles of Organization
* district boundaries (1361)	2. Lynnfield Water District	6/2/1924	St.1924, c. 445
* Lynnfield Center ¹¹⁴ (2730)	3. Lynnfield Center Water District	6/30/1939	St.1939, c. 336
Malden			
* town-wide	1. Spot Pond Water Company Malden system acquired by Malden 1870; action ratified by St.1870, c. 160	5/4/1867	St.1867, c. 208
* Spot Pond Water franchise (11808)	2. Town of Malden	9/27/1869	Town Vote ¹¹⁵
Manchester-by-the-Sea			
* town-wide (2418)	1. Town of Manchester	3/20/1891	St.1891, c. 95
Mansfield			
* Mansfield Village ¹¹⁶	1. Mansfield Water Supply District Acquired by Town of Mansfield 1920 pursuant to St.1920, c. 438	6/28/1886	St.1886, c. 337
* town-wide	2. <i>Mansfield Water Company (accepted 8/10/1887)</i> <i>Never exercised charter because of completion of Mansfield Water Supply District</i>	6/13/1887	St.1887, c. 402
* West Mansfield district	3. <i>West Mansfield Fire and Water District</i> <i>Not accepted; enabling act expired 5/19/1919</i>	5/19/1916	Sp. St.1916, c. 327
* Mansfield WSD franchise (7485)	4. Town of Mansfield	5/12/1920	St.1920, c. 438

¹⁰⁹ Water system originally installed in 1873.

¹¹⁰ Ludlow was authorized to receive sufficient water for one watering trough, two cemeteries, and six hydrants at no charge.

¹¹¹ Ludlow authorized to contract with City of Springfield to install water mains to same extent as if town itself owned the system.

¹¹² St.1883, c. 21 (2/21/1883) repealed provisions governing municipal acquisition by City of Lynn, and authorized company to supply Town on Nahant on wholesale basis.

¹¹³ Corporation revived 4/12/1952 for 2-year period to facilitate selling and conveying title to certain property.

¹¹⁴ Lynnfield Center district boundaries expanded in 1964 and 1982.

¹¹⁵ Malden action ratified by St.1870, c. 160 (4/2/1870).

¹¹⁶ District boundary clarified pursuant to St.1887, c. 141, § 2 (4/4/1887).

Marblehead			
* town-wide (8032)	1. Town of Marblehead	6/24/1886	St.1886, c. 325
Marion			
* town-wide (2778)	1. Town of Marion	4/3/1907	St.1907, c. 268
* Briggs Terrace	2. Ernest W. Briggs (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Marion 1957 pursuant to St.1957, c. 207 (3/19/1957)	1920-1957	Local Approval
* Beach/Cove Streets area	3. George B. Crapo (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Marion 1957 pursuant to St.1954, c. 621 (6/10/1954)	1920-1954	Local Approval
Marlborough			
* town-wide	1. Marlborough Aqueduct Company Never organized – company dissolved 1937	5/24/1867	St.1867, c. 272
* town-wide (10278)	2. Town of Marlborough	5/22/1874	St.1874, c. 256
	3. Marlborough Water Company Never operational – see DPU 4935	2/12/1935	Articles of Organization
Marshfield			
* Brant Rock (775)	1. Brant Rock Water Company Acquired by Town of Marshfield 1927 - see St.1927, c. 271, § 2	4/8/1890	St.1890, c. 174
* Brant Rock	2. Everson Supply (W. W. Everson, d/b/a) Ceased operations post-1938?	1900	Local Approval
* all but Brant Rock Water franchise	3. Marshfield Water Company Acquired by Town of Marshfield 1927 - see St.1927, c. 271, § 2	6/3/1914	St.1914, c. 613
* Ferry Hill (135)	4. Humarock Beach Water Company System in town acquired by Town of Marshfield 1932 - see St.1927, c. 271, § 2 ¹¹⁷	6/18/1914	St.1914, c. 685
* Brant Rock Water/Marshfield Water/Humarock Beach Water franchises	5. Town of Marshfield Enabling act expired 5/6/1923	5/6/1920	St.1920, c. 405
* Fieldston	6. Fieldston Water Company Acquired by Town of Marshfield 11/15/1929 - see St.1927, c. 271, § 2	4/11/1923	St.1923, c. 257
* Brant Rock Water/Marshfield Water/Humarock Beach Water/Fieldston Water franchises (10512)	7. Town of Marshfield	4/18/1927	St.1927, c. 271 ¹¹⁸
Mashpee			
* Popponesset Beach (35)	1. Popponesset Water Trust Ceased operations?	1950s	Declaration of Trust
* section of town (2097)	2. High Wood Water Company Acquired by Mashpee Water District 7/3/1991	7/16/1963	Articles of Organization
* town-wide	3. Town of Mashpee ¹¹⁹ Acquired by Mashpee Water District 1987 - see St. 1987, c. 136, § 13	prior to 1987	Town Vote
* district boundaries ^{120, 121}	4. Mashpee Water District	6/16/1987	St.1987, c. 136
* 1987 act rewritten (9422)	5. Mashpee Water and Sewer District	4/18/2014	St.2014, c. 80
Mattapoiset			
* town-wide (2830)	1. Town of Mattapoisett	3/9/1912	St.1912, c. 220
Maynard			
* town-wide (4138)	1. Town of Maynard (accepted 7/5/1888)	5/25/1888	St.1888, c. 407

¹¹⁷ Corporation revived 9/29/1953 for one year to effectuate transfer of real estate title.

¹¹⁸ Statute authorized necessary financing to purchase systems.

¹¹⁹ Assets appear to have been limited to intangibles such as engineering studies, etc.

¹²⁰ Mashpee district boundaries expanded in 1991.

¹²¹ Mashpee district's 1987 enabling act specified that district could not serve customers in High Wood Water's service area unless it purchased High Wood Water's system.

Medfield			
* town-wide	1. Medfield Water Company Acquired by Town of Medfield 3/31/1921 pursuant to St.1921, c. 205, § 7	5/31/1892	St.1892, c. 322
* town-wide (3908)	2. Town of Medfield	3/31/1921	St.1921, c. 205
Medford			
* town-wide	1. Town of Medford <i>Enabling act expired 3/11/1869</i>	3/11/1867	St.1867, c. 60
* town-wide	2. Spot Pond Water Company Medford system acquired by Medford 1870; action ratified by St.1870, c. 160	5/4/1867	St.1867, c. 208
* Spot Pond Water franchise (14150)	3. Town of Medford	2/9/1870	Town Vote ¹²²
Medway			
* town-wide	1. Medway Water Company <i>Charter lapsed 6/2/1895 – company dissolved 1899</i>	6/2/1892	St.1892, c. 335
* town-wide	2. Town of Medway <i>Enabling act expired 3/29/1902</i>	3/29/1899	St.1899, c. 205
* town-wide (3508)	3. Town of Medway	3/25/1908	St.1908, c. 291
Melrose			
* town-wide	1. Spot Pond Water Company Melrose system acquired by Melrose 1870; actions ratified by St.1870, c. 160	5/4/1867	St.1867, c. 208
* Spot Pond Water franchise (8386)	2. Town of Melrose	7/10/1869	Town Vote ¹²³
Mendon			
* town-wide	1. Town of Mendon (accepted 8/9/1895)	5/19/1894	St.1894, c. 417
* 1894 act rewritten (148)	2. Town of Mendon	6/13/1946	St.1946, c. 528
Merrimac			
* town-wide (1817)	1. Town of Merrimac	4/30/1903	St.1903, c. 281
Methuen			
* town-wide	1. Town of Methuen Repealed by St.1892, c. 375 (6/14/1892)	5/13/1891	St.1891, c. 331
* town-wide	2. Methuen Water Company Franchise purchased by Town of Methuen 1893; action ratified by St.1909, c. 176 (3/18/1909)	5/17/1892	St.1892, c. 310
* Methuen Water franchise (14295)	3. Town of Methuen	1893	Town Vote ¹²⁴
Middleborough			
* town-wide	1. Town of Middleborough <i>Enabling act expired 2/11/1882</i>	2/11/1879	St.1879, c. 20
* town-wide	2. Town of Middleborough <i>Not accepted by voters</i>	3/6/1884	St.1884, c. 59
* district boundaries	3. Middleborough Fire District ¹²⁵ Acquired by Town of Middleborough 1919 pursuant to Sp. St.1919, c. 143, § 1	3/6/1884	St.1884, c. 59
* Fall Brook Village	4. Middleborough Fire District	7/12/1911	St.1911, c. 658
* Warrentown Village	5. Middleborough Fire District	7/12/1911	St.1911, c. 665
* Wood Street	6. Middleborough Fire District	5/29/1912	St.1912, c. 686
* Middleborough FD franchise (5934)	7. Town of Middleborough	4/16/1919	Sp. St.1919, c. 143
Middlefield	1. no central water system	NA	NA

¹²² Medford action ratified by St.1870, c. 160 (4/2/1870).

¹²³ Melrose action ratified by St.1870, c. 160 (4/2/1870).

¹²⁴ Methuen action ratified by St.1909, c. 176 (3/18/1909).

¹²⁵ Middleborough Fire District authorized to provide water service if voters in Middleborough creation of town system.

Middleton			
* town-wide (1574)	1. Town of Middleton	4/15/1910	St.1910, c. 402

Milford			5
* Milford village	1. Milford Aqueduct Company Company dissolved 2/7/1890	4/27/1855	St.1855, c. 242
* town-wide (9100)	1. Milford Water Company ¹²⁶ Acquired by Town of Milford 12/3/2021	3/9/1881	St.1881, c. 77
Milford Water franchise	2. Town of Milford	8/12/2021	Town vote

Millbury			
* town-wide	1. Town of Millbury <i>Enabling act expired 5/25/1891</i>	5/25/1888	St.1888, c. 404
* town-wide (3576)	2. Millbury Water Company Name changed to Massachusetts Water Works Company 3/9/1938 Name changed to Massachusetts-American Water Company 7/1/1979 Acquired by Hingham Water Company 12/28/1989 pursuant to DPU 89-134 (12/28/1989) Name changed to Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts 4/25/2001	4/19/1893	St.1893, c. 214
* town-wide	3. Town of Millbury <i>Not accepted by voters</i>	6/10/1910	St.1910, c. 613
* St. Vincent Hospital	4. City of Worcester	2/28/1921	St.1921, c. 62
* Maple Hillside (c. 60)	4. Maple Hillside Water District Still in operation in 1985 - disposition unknown	6/11/1936	St.1936, c. 336
* Oakwood Heights	5. Oakwood Heights Water District Acquired by Massachusetts-American Water Company 1984 pursuant to St.1984, c. 112 (6/28/1984)	10/1/1971	St.1971, c. 835

Millis			
* town-wide	1. Millis Water Company Acquired by Town of Millis 12/27/1894 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/6/1892	St.1892, c. 246
* Millis Water franchise (2471)	2. Town of Millis	12/15/1894	Town Vote

Millville			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* town-wide	2. Town of Millville <i>Enabling act expired 4/21/1928</i>	4/21/1925	St.1925, c. 261

Milton			
* town-wide	1. Milton Water Company Acquired by Town of Milton 1902 – see St.1902, c. 307, § 15	5/28/1888	St.1888, c. 411
* town-wide	2. Brush Hill Water Company Acquired by Milton Water Company 12/1890 pursuant to St.1889, c. 388 (6/3/1889)	5/28/1888	St.1888, c. 412
* town-wide (8457)	3. Town of Milton	4/17/1902	St.1902, c. 307

Monroe			
* district boundaries (31)	1. Monroe Water District	4/17/1935	St.1935, c. 186

Monson			
* town-wide	1. Monson Water Company <i>Never organized - charter lapsed 3/28/1891</i>	3/27/1888	St.1888, c. 162
* town-wide (1393)	2. Town of Monson	4/21/1894	St.1894, c. 290

¹²⁶ St.2014, c. 480 and St.2018, c. 230 authorized town to acquire company through 2/3 vote via stock purchase; parties unable to reach agreement on certain terms and Supreme Judicial Court directed Department to establish a purchase price for assets pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 5. See DPU 18-60 (2/26/2021).

Montague			
* Turners Falls (2263)	1. Turners Falls Fire District	6/3/1886	St.1886, c. 266
* Millers Falls ¹²⁷	2. Millers Falls Water Supply District Name changed to Millers Falls Fire and Water District 4/26/1927 (St.1927, c. 318) Acquired by Turners Falls Fire District 7/1/1994 pursuant to St.1994, c. 5	3/18/1896	St.1896, c. 150
* Lake Pleasant	3. Lake Pleasant Water Supply District Firefighting assets to Montague Center Fire District 3/29/2000 pursuant to St.2000, c. 52 Water system to Turners Falls Fire District 8/5/2008 pursuant to St.2008, c. 254	4/28/1908	St.1908, c. 447
* section of town	4. Bartlett Water Supply System ¹²⁸ (Edgar L. Bartlett, d/b/a) Acquired by Montague Center Water District 11/1/1953 – see St.1953, c. 107, § 14	pre-1922	Local Approval
* district boundaries	5. <i>Montague Lighting and Fire District (est. 6/6/1914)</i> <i>Not accepted by voters</i>	5/27/1922	St.1922, c. 480
* fire except Lake Pleasant WSD area	6. Montague Center Fire District	7/3/1941	St.1941, c. 431
* district boundaries (156)	7. Montague Center Water District	2/25/1953	St.1953, c. 107
* Millers Falls WSD franchise	8. Turners Falls Fire District	3/16/1994	St.1994, c. 5
* Lake Pleasant WSD fire assets	9. Montague Center Fire District	3/29/2000	St.2000, c. 52
* Lake Pleasant WSD water assets	10. Turners Falls Fire District	8/5/2008	St.2008, c. 254
Monterey			
* town-wide (72)	1. Monterey Water Company	4/10/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 267
* section of town (25)	2. Arthur H. Hebert (Arthur H. Hebert, d/b/a) Ceased operations 1973	1969	Local Approval
Montgomery	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Mount Washington	1. no central water supply	NA	NA
Nahant			
* town-wide (1634)	1. Town of Nahant	4/23/1883	St.1884, c. 137
* Hotel Nahant	2. City of Lynn	7/20/1883	St.1883, c. 274
Nantucket¹²⁹			
* town-wide	1. Wannacomet Water Company Acquired by Town of Nantucket 3/31/1988 through municipal purchase option in charter	2/19/1880 ¹³⁰	St.1880, c. 27
* Siasconset	2. <i>Town of Nantucket</i> <i>Revoked 4/30/1925¹³¹</i>	6/1/1903	St.1903, c. 404
* Siasconset	3. <i>Town of Nantucket</i> <i>Revoked 4/30/1925¹³²</i>	4/17/1913	St.1913, c. 500
* Siasconset (800)	4. Town of Nantucket	4/30/1925	St.1925, c. 307
* entire town	5. Town of Nantucket ¹³³	5/27/1963	St.1963, c. 436
* Wannacomet Water franchise (5782)	5. Town of Nantucket	1988	Town Vote
Natick			
* town-wide (10967)	1. Town of Natick	3/15/1873	St. 1873, c. 76
Needham			
* town-wide (10160)	1. Town of Needham (accepted 7/26/1888)	3/8/1888	St.1888, c. 107

¹²⁷ Millers Falls district boundaries expanded in 1991.

¹²⁸ Also referred to as Montague Center Water Works.

¹²⁹ Nantucket maintains separate systems for both Nantucket proper and Siasconset.

¹³⁰ Incorporators had developed a demonstration water system in Nantucket in 1878.

¹³¹ Authorization revoked by St.1925, c. 307 (4/30/1925).

¹³² Authorization revoked by St.1925, c. 307 (4/30/1925).

¹³³ This statute and one enacted in 1987 intended to facilitate acquisition of Wannacomet Water.

New Ashford	1. no central water system	NA	NA
New Bedford			
* city-wide (23327)	1. City of New Bedford (accepted 4/14/1864)	4/18/1863	St. 1863, c. 163
New Braintree	1. no central water system	NA	NA
New Marlborough			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* Southfield village (36)	2. Southfield Water Trust	1864	Local Approval
* portion of town	3. H. A. Cook (d/b/a) Ceased operations?	1920-1940	Local Approval
* Mill River village (35)	4. Mill River Water Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Mill River Water Takers Association 7/1/1977	12/3/1935	Local Approval
* Mill River Water system (30)	5. Mill River Water Takers Association	7/13/1977	Articles of Association
New Salem	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Newbury			
* town-wide	1. City of Newburyport Enabling act expired 2/27/1905	2/27/1902	St. 1902, c. 132
* town-wide	2. City of Newburyport	4/17/1908	St. 1908, c. 403, § 5
* town-wide	3. Town of Newbury Enabling act expired 10/8/1945	10/8/1941	St. 1941, c. 636
* district boundaries (855)	4. Byfield Water District	5/19/1947	St. 1947, c. 419
* district boundaries ¹³⁴	5. Oldtown Water District ¹³⁵	7/19/1972	St. 1972, c. 808
* district boundaries	6. Plum Island Water District Enabling act expired 4/7/1984	4/7/1980	St. 1980, c. 73
Newburyport			
* town-wide	1. Newburyport Aqueduct Company Never used charter – company dissolved 1937	4/23/1866	St. 1866, c. 175
* town-wide	2. City of Newburyport Enabling act expired 5/11/1879	5/11/1878	St. 1878, c. 240 ¹³⁶
* town-wide	3. Newburyport Water Company Acquired by City of Newburyport 2/1/1895 pursuant to St. 1894, c. 474, § 1 (6/14/1894)	4/23/1880	St. 1880, c. 235
* town-wide	4. City of Newburyport Repealed by St. 1908, c. 403, § 14	6/10/1893	St. 1893, c. 471
* 1893 act rewritten (8339)	5. City of Newburyport	4/17/1908	St. 1908, c. 403
* district boundaries	6. Plum Island Water District Enabling act expired 4/7/1984	4/7/1980	St. 1980, c. 73
Newton			
* town-wide (25060)	1. Town of Newton	5/6/1872	St. 1872, c. 344
Norfolk			
* town-wide (2304)	1. Town of Norfolk	1946	Town Vote ¹³⁷
* Leland Road area (12)	2. Bennett Water System (George E. & Margaret Bennett) Ceased operations 6/30/1959; succeeded by Kingsbury Water Association	12/1/1952	Local Approval
* Bennet system (12)	3. Kingsbury Water Association Disposition uncertain – acquired by Town of Norfolk?	c. 1/1963	Articles of Association
* Pondville area (42)	4. Duck Farm Springs Water Company Acquired by Town of Norfolk 11/9/1995	7/19/1985	Articles of Organization

¹³⁴ Oldtown district boundaries redefined in 1980; essentially Newbury's Precinct 1 less Plum Island.

¹³⁵ Served by City of Newburyport.

¹³⁶ St. 1879, c. 240 (4/18/1879) revived enabling act through 4/18/1881.

¹³⁷ Norfolk action ratified by St. 1947, c. 43 (2/12/1947).

North Adams¹³⁸			
* town-wide	1. North Adams Water Company <i>Never organized – company dissolved 1873</i>	5/6/1848	St.1848, c. 265
* town-wide	2. North Adams Water Company Acquired by North Adams Fire District 1866 pursuant to St.1866, c. 99, § 2 (3/21/1866) Action ratified by St.1883, c. 186 (5/16/1883)	3/22/1864	St.1864, c. 108
* district boundaries	3. North Adams Fire District Acquired by City of North Adams 1/1/1896 pursuant to St.1895, c. 148, § 61	3/21/1865	St.1865, c. 190
* town-wide (4203)	4. City of North Adams	3/22/1895	St.1895, c. 148
North Andover			
* town-wide (7833)	1. Town of North Andover	4/15/1893	St.1893, c. 202
North Attleboro			
* town-wide	1. North Attleborough Water Company <i>Franchise acquired by Fire District No. 1 of North Attleborough 7/17/1883</i>	5/16/1883	St.1883, c. 181
* School Districts 1 and 4	2. Fire District No. 1 of North Attleborough (est. 1871) Acquired by Town of North Attleborough 1892 pursuant to St.1892, c. 365, § 1	6/21/1883	District Vote ¹³⁹
* FD No. 1 of North Attleboro franchise (8349)	3. Town of North Attleborough	6/11/1892	St.1892, c. 365
* Kings Grant Estates	4. J. B. Brady Water Company (J. B. Brady, d/b/a) Name changed to Kings Grant Water Company 10/1/1967 Incorporated as Kings Grant Water Company 8/14/1970	10/1/1964	Local Approval
* Brady system (153)	5. Kings Grant Water Company	8/14/1970	Articles of Organization
North Brookfield			
* town-wide (1263)	1. Town of North Brookfield	6/6/1889	St.1889, c. 424
* town-wide	2. North Brookfield Water Company ¹⁴⁰ <i>Never organized</i>	6/6/1889	St.1889, c. 424, § 12
North Reading			
* town-wide	1. North Reading Water Company <i>Charter lapsed 4/17/1923¹⁴¹</i>	4/17/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 220
* town-wide (4849)	2. Town of North Reading	2/12/1936	St.1936, c. 48
Northampton			
* town-wide (8702)	1. Town of Northampton	2/11/1871	St.1871, c. 16
Northborough			
* town-wide (4216)	1. Town of Northborough (accepted 12/12/1887)	4/29/1882	St.1882, 192
* 9-20, Inc. motel	2. Town of Shrewsbury	6/7/1963	St.1963, c. 464

¹³⁸ Part of Adams until 1873.

¹³⁹ Earlier district actions, including acquisition of North Attleborough Water, ratified and confirmed by St.1884, c. 33 (2/27/1884).

¹⁴⁰ Town authorized to sell to company if so desired.

¹⁴¹ Company required to commence operations by 4/17/1923 pursuant to St.1920, c. 458 (5/14/1920)

Northbridge			
* Whitinsville	1. Whitin Machine Works (4/22/1868) Water system conveyed to Whitinsville Water Company 1/2/1954 - DPU 10732 (1/25/1954)	1889	Corporate actions
* Linwood	2. Whitin Brothers (12/30/1919) Water system acquired by Town of Northbridge 1954	5/18/1928	St.1928, c. 331
* Riverdale	3. Riverdale Woolen Company (9/20/1894) Water system acquired by Kupfer Brothers Company 1910	c. 1895	Corporate actions
* Riverdale Woolen system	4. Kupfer Brothers Company (New York) Water system acquired by Town of Northbridge 1954	2/1910	Corporate actions
* Rochdale	5. Paul Whitin Manufacturing (8/29/1916) Water system acquired by Town of Northbridge 3/31/1954	c. 1916	Corporate actions
* town-wide (2297)	6. Town of Northbridge	2/12/1936	St.1936, c. 35
* Uxbridge border area	7. Town of Uxbridge	2/21/1949	St.1949, c. 8
* Whitin Machine system (2263)	8. Whitinsville Water Company	10/26/1953	Articles of Organization
* section of town	9. <i>Blackstone Valley Water Company Never operational – company dissolved 1998</i>	1/8/1990	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Riverdale area (proposed wholesale)	10. Riverdale Water Company Converted into LLC 4/20/2012	5/8/2003	Articles of Organization
* Riverdale area (proposed wholesale)	10. Riverdale Water Company, LLC	4/20/2012	Articles of Organization
Northfield			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Northfield Never organized?	3/9/1797	St.1796, c. 75
* town-wide	2. Northfield Water Company Acquired by Northfield Water District 7/1/1965 – see St.1965, c. 450, §§ 1, 14	4/29/1898	St.1898, c. 385
* Northfield School area	3. Northfield Schools Water system acquired by East Northfield Water Company 4/1/1928 Name changed to Northfield-Mount Hermon Schools 10/8/1963	5/20/1912	St.1912, c. 609
* district boundaries	4. <i>Northfield Fire District No. 1 Enabling act expired 4/10/1919</i>	4/10/1916	<i>Sp. St.1916, c. 245</i>
* Northfield Mount Hermon system (339)	5. East Northfield Water Company	2/11/1927	Articles of Organization
* Northfield Water franchise (234)	6. Northfield Water District	5/10/1965	St.1965, c. 450
* district boundaries	7. <i>West Northfield Water District Enabling act expired 10/20/1969</i>	10/20/1965	St.1965, c. 734
Norton			
* section of town	1. A. W. Sweet (d/b/a) Likely acquired by Norton Water Company 1910	c. 1895	Local Approval
* district boundaries	2. <i>Norton Fire District (est. 2/23/1895) Enabling act expired 2/28/1898</i>	2/28/1895	St.1895, c. 82
* town-wide	3. <i>Town of Norton Enabling act expired 5/17/1904</i>	5/17/1901	St.1901, c. 406
* town-wide	4. <i>Town of Norton Enabling act expired 3/1/1911</i>	3/2/1906	St.1906, c. 122
* town-wide	5. Norton Water Company Acquired by Town of Norton 1924 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/28/1910	St.1910, c. 466
* district boundaries ¹⁴²	6. Norton Fire District Acquired by Town of Norton 1951 pursuant to St.1951, c. 64, § 1	5/9/1911	St.1911, c. 426
* Norton Water franchise (5752)	7. Town of Norton	1924	Town Vote
* Norton FD franchise	8. Town of Norton	2/16/1951	St.1951, c. 64

¹⁴² Authorized to annex adjacent areas upon 2/3 vote in such territory, pursuant to Sp. St.1915, c. 318 (5/3/1915).

Norwell			
* town-wide	1. Scituate Water Company Acquired by Town of Scituate 6/29/1931 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/6/1914	St.1914, c. 485
* town-wide	2. <i>Norwell Water Company Charter lapsed 5/6/1917</i>	5/6/1914	St.1914, c. 488
* town-wide	3. Hingham Water Company Name changed to Massachusetts-American Water Company 12/28/1989 Name changed to Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts 4/25/2001	3/29/1924	St.1924, c. 168
* Scituate Water franchise	4. Town of Scituate	1931	Town Vote
* town-wide (3589)	5. Town of Norwell	3/30/1931	St.1931, c. 149
* Scituate service area	6. Town of Norwell	6/4/1947	St.1947, c. 496, § 1
Norwood			
* town-wide (8567)	1. Town of Norwood (accepted 7/28/1888)	3/18/1885	St.1885, c. 82
Oak Bluffs			
* town-wide	1. <i>Cottage City Water Company Never formed</i>	4/18/1883	St.1883, c. 132
* town-wide	2. <i>Cottage City Water Company Repealed by St.1890, c. 151</i>	6/18/1886	St.1886, c. 297
* town-wide	3. Cottage City Water Company Acquired by Town of Oak Bluffs 6/1/1944 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/21/1890	St.1890, c. 151
* Cottage City Water franchise	4. Town of Oak Bluffs Acquired by Oak Bluffs Water District 1991 – see St.1991, c. 439, § 12	1944	Town Vote
* entire town (4225)	6. Oak Bluffs Water District	12/29/1991	St.1991, c. 439
Oakham			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Orange			
* factory and environs	1. Gold Medal Sewing Machine Company (8/2/1869) Water system probably acquired by Town of Orange c. 1893	1873	Corporate actions
* town-wide	2. <i>Fall Hill Water Company (accepted 3/29/1876) Never organized</i>	4/1/1874	St.1874, c. 134
* town-wide	3. <i>Orange Water Works Charter lapsed 4/19/1888 – company dissolved 1899¹⁴³</i>	4/19/1884	St.1884, c. 167
* town-wide (1846)	4. Town of Orange	3/15/1892	St.1892, c. 61
Orleans			
* town-wide (5266)	1. Town of Orleans	5/27/1953	St.1953, c. 418
Otis			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Oxford			
* town-wide (2604)	1. Oxford Water Company Acquired by Hingham Water Company 12/28/1989 pursuant to DPU 89-134 (12/28/1989) Name changed to Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts 4/25/2001	3/31/1904	St.1904, c. 193

¹⁴³ Time to organize extended to 4/19/1888 pursuant to St.1888, c. 294 (5/19/1887).

Palmer			
* Thorndike Village	1. Thorndike Village System (Warren Cotton Mills, d/b/a) Acquired by M. William & Julia Holden c. 1930	1870s	Corporate actions
* town-wide (480)	2. Palmer Water Company Acquired by Palmer Fire District No. 1 on 1/1/1921 pursuant to St.1920, c. 543, § 10	5/9/1883	St.1883, c. 171
* Knox Hill (21)	3. Knox Hill Water Company Ceased operations 1918 – winter-related damage – company dissolved 1919	1886	No record
* geographic boundaries	4. Boston Duck Company (1845) Repealed pursuant to St.1923, c. 456 (3/21/1923)	5/28/1909	St.1909, c. 456
* district boundaries (1416)	5. Palmer Fire District No. 1 Name changed to Palmer Water District No. 1 on 7/14/1988 pursuant to St.1988, c. 142 (7/14/1988)	5/27/1920	St.1920, c. 543
* a few customers	6. Jeremiah J. Kelly (d/b/a) Acquired by Thorndike Fire and Water District 1947 - see St.1947, c. 40 (2/10/1947) ¹⁴⁴	1920-1947	Local Approval
* Thorndike Village System	7. Holden Supply (M. William & Julia Holden, d/b/a) Acquired by Thorndike Fire and Water District 10/1952	c. 1930	Purchase
* Bondsville (223)	8. Bondsville Water Company Acquired by Bondsville Fire and Water District 10/31/1970 – see St.1969, c. 302, § 15	10/31/1932	Articles of Organization
* Three Rivers	9. Palmer Industries (7/21/1938) Water system acquired by Three Rivers Fire District 1943	c. 1938	Corporate actions
* Three Rivers district (967)	10. Three Rivers Fire District	5/25/1943	St.1943, c. 325
* Thorndike district (392)	11. Thorndike Fire and Water District	5/17/1946	St.1946, c. 320
* Bondsville Water franchise (412)	12. Bondsville Fire and Water District ¹⁴⁵	5/15/1969	St.1969, c. 302
Paxton			
* town-wide (1304)	1. Town of Paxton (accepted 9/18/1896)	4/30/1895	St.1895, c. 192
* 1895 act rewritten	2. Town of Paxton	4/1/1912	St.1912, c. 361
Peabody¹⁴⁶			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Salem and Danvers System in town acquired by Town of Peabody 1873	3/9/1797	St.1796, c. 76
* town-wide (13686)	2. Town of Peabody	1873	Town Vote
Pelham			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* West Pelham	2. Amherst Water Company <i>Company does not appear to have exercised right</i>	4/7/1880	St.1880, c. 179
Pembroke			
* town-wide	1. Town of Pembroke <i>Enabling act expired 4/28/1917</i>	4/28/1914	St.1914, c. 417
* section of town (<20)	2. George W. Mann (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Pembroke 12/31/1931	1920-1928	Local Approval
* town-wide (6204)	3. Town of Pembroke	5/5/1930	St.1930, c. 280
Pepperell			
* town-wide (3096)	1. Town of Pepperell	2/25/1908	St.1908, c. 111
Petersham	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Peru	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Phillipston	1. no central water system	NA	NA

¹⁴⁴ Statute clarified district's 1946 enabling act in that district could not serve Kelly's service area unless it actually purchased his system.

¹⁴⁵ Created through dissolution of Bondsville Fire District.

¹⁴⁶ Changed name from Town of South Danvers in 1868.

Pittsfield			
* center of town	1. The Proprietors of the Water-Works in the Middle of Pittsfield Disposition uncertain	2/25/1795	St.1794, c. 41
* district boundaries	2. Pittsfield Fire District ¹⁴⁷ Absorbed by City of Pittsfield 1/1/1890 pursuant to St.1889, c. 441, § 34	5/13/1852	St.1852, c. 210
* Pittsfield FD franchise (15472)	3. City of Pittsfield	6/5/1889	St.1889, c. 441, § 34
* eastern part of city	4. Junction Water Company System in town likely acquired by City of Pittsfield prior to 1910	3/15/1887	St.1887, c. 73
Plainfield	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Plainville ¹⁴⁸			
* "Plain" school district	1. Plainville Water Company Never organized - charter lapsed 4/9/1889 – company dissolved 1937 ¹⁴⁹	4/9/1886	St.1886, c. 127
* "Plain" school district	2. Plainville Water Company Never organized - charter lapsed 4/6/1898 – company dissolved 1937	4/6/1895	St.1895, c. 235
* town-wide (2353)	3. Town of Plainville	4/17/1908	St.1908, c. 404

¹⁴⁷ District's water system was also referred to as "Ashley Water Works" in contemporary literature – named so for Ashley Lake.

¹⁴⁸ Part of Wrentham until 1905.

¹⁴⁹ Corporation revived and time to organize and commence construction extended to 4/9/1889 pursuant to St.1888, c. 409 (5/25/1888).

Plymouth			
* town-wide	1. Proprietors of the Plymouth Aqueduct Acquired by Town of Plymouth 1856	2/15/1797	St.1796, c. 43
* town-wide (13953)	2. Town of Plymouth	4/22/1854	St.1854, c. 351
* Manomet	3. Manomet Water Works (d/b/a) Acquired by Indian Bluffs Association 10/15/1951	1920-1951	Local Approval
* White Horse Beach	4. White Horse Beach Water Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Plymouth 4/1946	1920-1946	Local Approval
* Manomet	5. Nameloc Heights Water Company (Franklin Trask, d/b/a)	5/22/1950	Local Approval
	a. Cape Cod Supply (Surfside Estates)	1950	Local Approval
	b. Fairhaven Estates	1950	Local Approval
	c. Bayberry Hill (Lookout Point)	1954	Local Approval
	d. Greenbrier Development Acquired by Frank Zinkewich c. 1962 Acquired by James L. Pierson of Agua Corporation 3/19/1968	1950	Local Approval
* Monument Beach Shore	6. Agua Corporation/James Pierson ¹⁵⁰	6/6/1950	Articles of Organization
	a. Manomet Beach Shore Acquired by Town of Plymouth 1972	1950	Local Approval
	b. Colony Beach Acquired by Town of Plymouth 1972	1950	Local Approval
	c. Lookout Point (Bayberry Hill, d/b/a) Acquired by association 1982	3/19/1968	Purchase
	d. Surfside Estates (Agua Corporation, d/b/a) Ceased operations after 1986	3/19/1968	Purchase
* Cedarville Landing (c. 50)	7. Cedarville Landing Water Association (Cedarville Associates, d/b/a) (6/6/1965) Ceased operations c. 1988 – connection to town supply	c. 1973	Local Approval
* The Ponds of Plymouth (149)	8. Pond Properties (Pond Properties, d/b/a) (est. 1984) Water assets conveyed to Plymouth Water Company 11/28/1990	5/1/1990	Local Approval
* Ponds system (825)	9. Plymouth Water Company Acquired by Colonial Water Company 6/29/2018 pursuant to DPU 17-177 (6/6/2018)	11/28/1990	Articles of Organization
* The Pinehills (1955)	10. Pinehills Water Company	3/22/2001	Articles of Organization
* Plymouth Water franchise (830)	11. Colonial Water Company Acquired by Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts pursuant to DPU 21-54 (10/29/2021)	6/29/2018	DPU 17-177
* Colonial Water franchise (636)	12. Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts	12/2/2021	DPU 21-54
Plympton	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Princeton	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Prescott	Town no longer exists – taken for Quabbin Reservoir	NA	NA
Provincetown			
* town-wide (3646)	1. Town of Provincetown	4/19/1889	Ch.1889, c. 276
Quincy			
* town-wide	1. Quincy Water Company Acquired by City of Quincy 1892 pursuant to St.1891, c. 401, § 1	5/3/1883	St.1883, c. 162
* Quincy Water franchise (22676)	2. City of Quincy	6/11/1891	St. 1891, c. 401
Randolph			
* town-wide (9400)	1. Town of Randolph (with Braintree and Holbrook) (accepted 1/21/1888)	5/8/1885	St.1885, c. 217

¹⁵⁰ Corporation dissolved 9/11/1969; reestablished under same name 3/2/1972. Dissolved again 1/10/1979.

Raynham			
* South Main Street area	1. City of Taunton	6/2/1899	St.1899, c. 452
* factory and environs	2. Specialty Nail Company (2/19/1907) Water system acquired by Town of Raynham (?) 1945	c. 1907	Corporate actions
* town-wide	3. City of Taunton <i>Enabling act expired 4/24/1924</i>	4/24/1911	St.1911, c. 336
* town-wide	4. Town of Raynham <i>Enabling act expired 4/21/1934</i>	4/21/1931	St.1931, c. 232
* district boundaries (2796)	5. Raynham Center Water District	4/2/1947	St.1947, c. 222
* district boundaries (1401)	6. North Raynham Water District	7/1/1949	St.1949, c. 483
Reading			
* town-wide	1. Reading Water Company Acquired by Town of Reading c. 1893 through municipal buyout option	6/19/1885	St.1885, c. 381
* town-wide (7959)	2. Town of Reading	6/4/1889	St.1889, c. 405
Rehoboth			
* town-wide (0)	1. Rehoboth Water District	10/16/1995	St.1995, c. 152
Revere			
* town-wide	1. Revere Water Company ¹⁵¹ Acquired by the Town of Revere 1905 through municipal buyout option	4/10/1882	St.1882, c. 142
* town-wide (11824)	2. Town of Revere	6/9/1904	St.1904, c. 457
Richmond			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Richmond Never organized?	11/24/1796	St.1796, c. 11
* Richmond Furnace	2. Richmond Iron Works (3/3/1842) (fire protection) Disposition uncertain	1882	Corporate actions
* southwest corner ¹⁵²	3. Lenox Water Company	6/5/1895	St.1895, c. 477
* section of town (14)	4. Cyrus L. Mace Water Supply (Cyrus L. Mace, d/b/a) Acquired by Gilchrist Springs Operators 7/1/1949	1920-1949	Local Approval
* Cyrus Mace system (14)	5. Gilchrist Springs Operators ¹⁵³ Ceased operations 1990s?	7/1/1949	Agreement
* View Drive area (18)	6. View Drive Water Community Cooperative	1960s	Local Approval
Rochester			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Rockland			
* town-wide (11272) ¹⁵⁴	1. Town of Rockland (with Abington and South Abington) (accepted 6/12/1885)	4/30/1885	St.1885, c. 206
Rockport			
* town-wide	1. Rockport Water Company <i>Project abandoned</i>	4/24/1875	St.1875, c. 158
* town-wide	2. Rockport Water Company ¹⁵⁵ Acquired by Town of Rockport summer of 1894	5/2/1893	St.1893, c. 281
* town-wide (3567)	3. Town of Rockport (accepted 8/5/1894)	3/7/1894	St.1894, c. 78
Rowe			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Rowley			
* town-wide	1. Town of Rowley <i>Enabling act expired 4/4/1920</i>	4/4/1916	Sp. St.1916, c.238
* town-wide (1823)	2. Town of Rowley	1/28/1946	St.1946, c. 11

¹⁵¹ Charter provided for a 20-year franchise from in-service date.

¹⁵² For purpose of laying and maintaining water pipes.

¹⁵³ System operator only owned well; customers (church, town hall, 12 homes) owned mains.

¹⁵⁴ System-wide connections including Abington and Rockland.

¹⁵⁵ Legislation approved after company agreed to transfer to town for \$150; company thereafter reneged and purchased materials. Litigation settled in 1894 by paying company \$750.

Royalston			
* south Royalston (57)	1. South Royalston Improvement Corporation Company dissolved 3/24/1964, remained in operation and revived 2/17/2009	2/4/1959	Articles of Organization
* district boundaries	2. <i>South Royalston Water and Sewer District Enabling act expired 6/26/1969</i>	6/26/1964	St.1964, c. 612
Russell			
* town-wide (324)	1. Town of Russell	3/28/1903	St.1903, c. 186
Rutland			
* town-wide (1574)	1. Town of Rutland (accepted 9/14/1896)	3/22/1895	St.1895, c. 158
* Cool Sandy Beach (52)	2. Cool Sandy Beach Water Company (d/b/a) Incorporated as CSB Water Company 1/1992 - see DPU 91-216 (1/10/1992)	4/1/1963 *	Local Approval
* Cool Sandy Beach system	3. CSB Water Company Acquired by Cool Sandy Beach Community Water System 12/1997	3/27/1992	Articles of Organization
* CSB Water franchise (43)	4. Cool Sandy Beach Community Water System	11/28/1997	Articles of Association
Salem			
* Daniel Frye's inn	1. Daniel Frye (d/b/a) Incorporated as the Proprietors of Frye's Aqueduct 9/28/1807	7/27/1796	Grant of Approval ¹⁵⁶
* town-wide	2. The Proprietors of the Salem and Danvers Aqueduct System in town acquired by Town of Salem 1873 - see St.1864, c. 268, §§ 2, 18	3/9/1797	St.1796, c. 76
* Frye system	3. The Proprietors of Frye's Aqueduct Ceased operation after 1852	9/28/1807	St.1798, c. 59 (general)
* town-wide (9833)	4. Town of Salem	5/13/1864	St.1864, c. 268
Salisbury			
* town-wide	1. Powow Hill Water Company Acquired by Town of Amesbury 1905 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/3/1883	St.1883, c. 161
* town-wide	2. Artesian Water Company (Maine) Acquired by Salisbury Water Supply 1915 pursuant to Sp. St.1915, c. 213, § 9	2/6/1880	Maine corporation
* town-wide	3. <i>Salisbury Beach Aqueduct Company Never operational – company dissolved 1913</i>	7/12/1890	Articles of Organization
* Artesian Water franchise	4. Salisbury Water Supply Company Acquired by Town of Salisbury 9/28/2001 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/7/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 213
* Ring's Island ¹⁵⁷ (153)	5. Ring's Island Water District	5/23/1936	St.1936, c. 298
* Salisbury Water Supply franchise (3593)	6. Town of Salisbury	2001	Town Vote
Sandisfield			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Sandwich			
* town-wide	1. <i>Town of Sandwich Enabling act expired 4/26/1916</i>	4/26/1913	St.1913, c. 561
* district boundaries (6863)	2. Sandwich Water District	4/21/1947	St.1947, c. 280

¹⁵⁶ Grant of approval from "The Proprietors of the Horse-Pasture" to dig a well and pipe the water to his inn.

¹⁵⁷ Rings Island district boundaries expanded in 1988.

Saugus			
* town-wide	1. Saugus Water Company Assigned all rights and privileges to Revere Water Company fall of 1886	5/21/1886	St.1886, c. 235
* Saugus Water franchise	2. Revere Water Company Acquired by Town of Revere 1905 through municipal purchase option in charter	1886	Charter assignment
* Revere Water franchise	3. Town of Revere System in town acquired by Town of Saugus 1919	1905	Town Vote
* Revere franchise (9242)	4. Town of Saugus	5/19/1919	Sp. St.1919, c. 173
Savoy			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Scituate			
* town-wide	1. Scituate Water Company Acquired by Town of Scituate 6/29/1931 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/23/1893	St.1893, c. 391
* Ferry Hill	2. Humarock Beach Water Company System in town acquired by Town of Marshfield 1932 pursuant to St.1927, c. 271, § 2	6/18/1914	St.1914, c. 613
* ex-Humarock Beach Water service area ¹⁵⁸	3. Town of Marshfield	4/18/1927	St.1927, c. 271
* Scituate Water franchise (7690)	4. Town of Scituate	1931	Town Vote
Seekonk			
* district boundaries	1. Luther's Corner Water Supply District <i>Not approved; enabling act expired 3/26/1915</i>	3/26/1913	St. 1913, c. 345
* district boundaries	2. Baker's Corner Fire District <i>Not approved; enabling act expired 3/28/1915</i>	3/28/1913	St. 1913, c. 380
* district boundaries	3. North Seekonk Water District <i>Enabling act expired 5/20/1934</i>	5/20/1929	St. 1929, c. 330
* district boundaries	4. South Seekonk Water District <i>Enabling act expired 4/16/1934</i>	4/16/1930	St. 1930, c. 225
* section of town	5. Seekonk Water Association Acquired by Seekonk Water District 10/1952	1920-1952	Articles of Association
* district boundaries (4704)	6. Seekonk Water District	6/1/1945	St.1945, c. 381
Sharon			
* town-wide	1. Sharon Water Company Acquired by Town of Sharon 10/3/1895 – see St.1894, c. 241, § 1	5/14/1883	St.1883, c. 177
* town-wide (5738)	2. Town of Sharon	4/13/1894	St.1894, c. 241 ¹⁵⁹
* Bay Street area	3. Town of Canton	3/5/1906	St.1906, c. 124
Sheffield			
* town-wide (483)	1. Sheffield Water Company Sold water system assets to Mountain Water System 2/14/2017 pursuant to DPU 16-37 (12/22/2016)	3/16/1895	St.1895, c. 123
* Sheffield Water franchise (483)	2. Mountain Water Systems Acquired by Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts pursuant to DPU 21-54 (10/29/2021)	3/2/2016	Articles of Association
* Mountain Water Systems franchise (490)	3. Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts	12/2/2021	DPU 21-54
Shelburne			
* section of town (102)	1. Covell Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Ceased operations sometime after 1910	1884	Local Approvals
* district boundaries ¹⁶⁰ (794) ¹⁶¹	2. Shelburne Falls Fire District (1855) ¹⁶²	7/10/1911	St.1911, c. 644

¹⁵⁸ Area of Scituate being served by Brant Rock Water Company at that time.

¹⁵⁹ Statute authorized town to purchase system from mortgagees upon foreclosure; provisions in conjunction with municipal buyout provisions of Sharon Water's enabling act.

¹⁶⁰ Shelburne service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1941.

¹⁶¹ System-wide connections include Buckland and Shelburne.

Sherborn			
* town-wide	1. Town of Sherborn <i>Enabling act expired 2/28/1917</i>	2/28/1914	St.1914, c. 117
Shirley			
* district boundaries (1485)	1. Shirley Village Water District ¹⁶³	3/2/1903	St.1903, c. 119
Shrewsbury			
* town-wide (11362)	1. Town of Shrewsbury	2/27/1903	St.1903, c. 105
Shutesbury	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Somerset			
* town-wide (6815)	1. Town of Somerset	3/30/1914	St.1914, c. 254
* Pottersville section	2. Pottersville Water Works (d/b/a) Ceased operations 1/1/1930 ¹⁶⁴	1920-1926	Local Approval
Somerville			
* town-wide	1. City of Cambridge	c. 1858	???
* town-wide (14423)	2. Town of Somerville	4/13/1868	Town Vote ¹⁶⁵
South Hadley			
* South Hadley Falls (4789)	1. South Hadley Fire District No. 1	3/19/1872	St.1872, c. 114
* district boundaries (1524)	2. South Hadley Fire District No. 2	3/31/1909	St.1909, c. 239
Southampton			
* section of town	1. Mountain Spring Water Company Acquired by Town of Southampton 12/18/1931 pursuant to St.1931, c. 339, § 10)	1/6/1900	Articles of Organization
* with town agreement	2. Town of Easthampton	3/22/1916	Sp. St.1916, c. 201
* town-wide (1493)	3. Town of Southampton	5/20/1931	St.1931, c. 339
Southborough			
* Fayville	1. Fayville Fire and Water District Acquired by Town of Southborough 1930 – see St.1930, c. 133, § 2	5/25/1923	St.1923, c. 474
* Fayville FWD franchise (3202)	2. Town of Southborough	3/21/1930	St.1930, c. 133
* district boundaries	3. Southborough Fire and Water District <i>District never formed</i> ¹⁶⁶	3/21/1930	St.1930, c. 133
Southbridge			
* town-wide	1. Southbridge Water Supply Company Acquired by Town of Southbridge 3/3/1990 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/11/1880	St.1880, c. 73
* Southbridge Water Supply franchise (4434)	2. Town of Southbridge	1990	Town Vote
Southfield	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Southwick			
* town-wide (2592)	1. Town of Southwick	5/31/1929	St.1929, c. 360

¹⁶² Shelburne Falls district had constructed works for fire protection in 1876.

¹⁶³ Shirley district boundaries expanded in 1960, 1988, and 1996; service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1939.

¹⁶⁴ Legislation proposed in 1928 for Town of Somerset to purchase system, but never enacted.

¹⁶⁵ Somerville actions in establishing water system ratified by St.1868, c. 202 (5/14/1868).

¹⁶⁶ District would have been created only if town rejected creation of municipal water system (St.1930, c. 133, Part III).

Spencer			
* town-wide	1. Spencer Water Company Assigned all rights to Town of Spencer 7/1/1884 – see St.1887, c. 271, § 2	3/27/1882	St.1882, c. 119
* town-wide (1793)	2. Town of Spencer	5/14/1887	St.1887, c. 271
* Stiles Lake	3. Stiles Lake Water District <i>Enabling act expired 10/26/1980</i>	10/25/1976	St.1976, c. 486
Springfield			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Springfield Aqueduct Appears to have been acquired by Springfield Aqueduct in 1848	6/14/1798	St.1798, c. 3
* town-wide	2. Springfield Aqueduct Company Acquired by City of Springfield 1872 pursuant to St.1872, c. 345, § 11	5/10/1848	St.1848, c. 303
* city-wide (42650)	3. City of Springfield	5/6/1872	St.1872, c. 345
Sterling			
* Red Stone district	1. Town of Sterling	3/21/1912	St.1912, c. 285
* town-wide (2330)	2. Town of Sterling	5/4/1915	St.1915, c. 322
* district boundaries	3. Sterling Water District Acquired by Town of Sterling 3/14/1935 pursuant to St.1935, c. 77, § 1	3/2/1925	St.1925, c. 75
* Sterling WD franchise	4. Town of Sterling	3/14/1935	St.1935, c. 77
* W. Main/Hosmer Streets	5. West Boylston Water District	4/9/1951	St.1951, c. 210
Stockbridge			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aquifer in Stockbridge Company dissolved 1873	6/15/1796	St.1796, c. 11
* town-wide	2. Stockbridge Water Company Acquired by Town of Stockbridge 12/31/1972 pursuant to St.1972, c. 690, § 1 ¹⁶⁷	5/2/1851	St.1851, c. 210
* Prospect Hill (18)	3. Hill Water Company Ceased operations 12/31/1992	3/18/1885	Articles of Organization
* town-wide	4. Town of Stockbridge <i>Enabling act expired 12/22/1923</i>	12/22/1920	St.1920, c. 639
* section of town (<20)	5. Wheatleigh Water Company (Walter Wilson, d/b/a) Ceased operations 7/16/1985	1950	Local Approval
* Stockbridge Bowl (80)	6. Mahkeenac Waterworks Corporation Acquired by Mahkeenac Water Company, Inc. 1996	8/27/1962	Articles of Organization
* Stockbridge Water franchise (703)	7. Town of Stockbridge	3/20/1972	Town Vote ¹⁶⁸
* Mahkeenac Waterworks franchise (74)	8. Mahkeenac Water Company, Inc. (association)	8/19/1996	Articles of Organization
Stoneham			
* town-wide	1. Quannapowitt Water Company Name changed to Wakefield Water Company 4/23/1883 Acquired by Town of Stoneham 1902 - see St.1902, c. 488, § 14 (6/19/1902)	5/4/1875	St.1875, c. 335
* Wakefield Water franchise	2. Town of Stoneham (Enabling act expired 3/31/1895)	3/31/1894	St.1894, c. 187
* town-wide (6198)	3. Town of Stoneham (Accepted 8/20/1897)	6/3/1897	St.1897, c. 473

¹⁶⁷ Town authorized to purchase all outstanding capital stock of company.

¹⁶⁸ St.1972, c. 690 (7/13/1972) ratified and confirmed town vote to purchase Stockbridge Water, and authorized transaction through purchase of company's capital stock.

Stoughton			
	1. John G. Phinney Incorporated as Stoughton Water Company 5/28/1886	1886	Local Approval
* town-wide	2. Stoughton Water Company Acquired by Town of Stoughton 6/1892 - see St.1892, c. 346	5/28/1886	St.1886, c. 240
* town-wide (6782)	3. Town of Stoughton	6/3/1892	St.1892, c. 346 ¹⁶⁹
* Bay Street area	4. Town of Canton	3/5/1906	St.1906, c. 124
Stow			
	1 no central system	NA	NA
* Juniper Hills (46)	2. Juniper Hills Water Company Acquired by Juniper Hills Water Company, Inc. 1/30/1978	5/1/1969	Articles of Organization
* Harvard Acres (185)	3. Assabet Water Company Bankruptcy – ceased operations 3/15/2011	11/12/1971	Articles of Organization
* Juniper Hills Water franchise (74)	4. Juniper Hills Water Company, Inc. (association)	9/28/1977	Articles of Organization
Sturbridge			
* Sturbridge village center	1. Sturbridge Aqueduct Company Never organized – company dissolved 1892	3/10/1876	St.1876, c. 42
* town-wide (1712)	2. Town of Sturbridge	4/16/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 287
* Fiskdale	3. Sturbridge Finishing Company (Golding Brothers, d/b/a) Water system acquired by Town of Sturbridge?	1920-1928	Corporate actions
* section of town (<20)	4. Chamberlain Water System (C. Chamberlain, d/b/a) Ceased operations 1963	8/1/1953	Local Approval
Sudbury			
* town-wide	1. Town of Sudbury Enabling act expired 4/27/1923	4/27/1910	St.1910, c. 450
* district boundaries (5986)	2. The Sudbury Water District of Sudbury	3/19/1934	St.1934, c. 100
Sunderland			
* town-wide	1. Sunderland Water Company Acquired by Sunderland Water District 12/31/1950 – see St.1950, c. 616, § 14	3/26/1884	St.1884, c. 107
* section of town	2. Williams Water Company Acquired by Sunderland Water Company 1910 pursuant to St.1910, c. 441, § 1 (4/25/1910)	10/6/1900	Articles of Organization
* Sunderland Water/Williams Water franchises	3. Town of Sunderland Enabling act expired 4/11/1917	4/11/1902	St.1902, c. 285
* Sunderland Water franchise (870)	4. Sunderland Water District	7/11/1950	St.1950, c. 616
Sutton			
* Wilkinsonville village	1. Sutton Water Company (Daniel S. Smith, d/b/a) Acquired by Wilkinsonville Water District 12/31/1970 - see St.1969, c. 284 (5/9/1969)	1920-1926	Local Approval
* district boundaries (166)	2. Manchaug Water District of Sutton	4/8/1937	St.1937, c. 179
* district boundaries (866)	3. Wilkinsonville Water District	9/11/1967	St.1967, c. 603
Swampscott			
* town-wide (425)	1. Marblehead Water Company Acquired by Town of Swampscott 1899 pursuant to St.1898, c. 293, § 1	5/3/1883	St. 1883, c. 163
* Marblehead Water franchise (5485)	2. Town of Swampscott	4/6/1898	St.1898, c. 293

¹⁶⁹ Town exercised municipal buyout option in Stoughton Water's enabling act; 1892 statute provided for financing necessary to acquire system.

Swansea			
* town-wide	1. Town of Somerset	3/30/1914	St.1914, c. 254
* district boundaries	2. Swansea Fire and Water District Abolished 3/11/1937 pursuant to St.1937, c. 92 (3/11/1937)) ¹⁷⁰	7/7/1933	St.1933, c. 317
* district boundaries (6109)	3. Swansea Water District	4/4/1949	St.1949, c. 137
Taunton			
* city-wide (15795)	1. City of Taunton	5/19/1875	St.1875, c. 217
Templeton			
* Precinct 1	1. Templeton Village Improvement Society (1900) ¹⁷¹ Charter revoked 6/18/2012	5/27/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 362
* Precinct 4	2. Baldwinville Water District Acquired by Town of Templeton c. 1948?	2/21/1925	St.1925, c. 60
* East Templeton	3. Pope's Water System (Robert D. Pope, d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Templeton 1950 pursuant to St.1950, c. 746 (8/9/1950)	1920-1950	Local Approval
* section of town (38)	4. William J. Graves (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Templeton 7/1/1979	1947	Local Approval
* town-wide	5. Town of Templeton Transferred to Templeton Municipal Lighting and Water 2000 pursuant to St.2000, c. 93	5/21/1948	St.1948, c. 353
* Templeton franchise (2087)	6. Templeton Municipal Lighting and Water	5/25/2000	St.2000, c. 93
Tewksbury			
* town-wide (10291)	1. Town of Tewksbury	5/13/1929	St.1929, c. 311
* NW corner of town	2. City of Lowell	7/22/1941	St.1941, c. 500
Tisbury			
* town-wide	1. Vineyard Haven Water Company Acquired by Town of Tisbury 1905 pursuant to St.1905, c. 394, § 6	4/11/1887	St.1887, c. 157
* town-wide (2610)	2. Town of Tisbury	5/12/1905	St.1905, c. 394 ¹⁷²
Tolland	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Topsfield			
* district boundaries	1. Topsfield Water District of Topsfield Enabling act expired 3/25/1941	3/25/1937	St.1937, c. 138
* section of town	2. Topsfield Water Company	4/14/1939	Articles of Organization
* town-wide (1815)	3. Town of Topsfield	1948	Town Vote (?)
* Perkins Row area (93)	4. Wylde Wood Water Works Ceased operations 6/16/1988	7/7/1960	Articles of Organization
* abutting Salem Road	5. City of Danvers	6/5/1963	St.1963, c. 461
* section of town (13)	6. Eagle Tor Trust	9/13/1966	Declaration of Trust
Townsend			
* town-wide (1991)	1. Town of Townsend	4/30/1920	St.1920, c. 391
* Timberlee Park (495)	2. Witches Brook Water Company Acquired by Town of Townsend 2007	10/17/1972	Articles of Organization
Truro			
* town-wide	1. Town of Provincetown	6/7/1907	St.1907, c. 483, § 7

¹⁷⁰ District revived pursuant to St.1939, c. 362 7/18/1939) for purpose of paying indebtedness, with balance to Town of Swansea.

¹⁷¹ Statute ratified earlier actions of society in creating a water system.

¹⁷² Town had voted to purchase system 3/28/1905 under municipal buyout provision of Vineyard Haven Water's charter; statute authorized town to acquire and operate a municipal water system and authorized necessary financing to complete transaction.

Tyngsborough			
* Mission/Dunstable Rds.	1. North Chelmsford Water District	2/26/1946	St.1946, c. 73
* specific boundaries ¹⁷³	2. Dracut Water Supply District	6/18/1953	St.1953, c. 498
* district boundaries	3. Tyngsborough Water District	4/3/1958	St.1958, c. 232
* rest of town ¹⁷⁴ (1064)	4. Tyngsborough Water District	12/8/1982	St.1982, c. 516
Tyringham	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Upton			
* factory and surroundings	1 Merrimac Hat Corporation (9/29/1919) Water system acquired by Town of Upton 6/1953	c. 1919	Corporate actions
* district boundaries	2. Upton Center Water District Acquired by Town of Upton 1953 pursuant to St.1953, c. 202, § 3	4/17/1946	St.1946, c. 220
* Upton Center WD franchise (1430)	3. Town of Upton	3/23/1953	St.1953, c. 202
Uxbridge			
* town-wide	1. Uxbridge Water Company Acquired by Town of Uxbridge 4/11/1890 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/9/1881 ¹⁷⁵	St.1881, c. 76
* Uxbridge Water franchise (3308)	2. Town of Uxbridge	1890	Town Vote
Wakefield			
* town-wide	1. Quannapowitt Water Company Name changed to Wakefield Water Company 4/23/1883 pursuant to St.1883, c. 134 Acquired by Town of Wakefield 1902 – see St.1902, c. 488, § 14	5/4/1872	St.1872, c. 335
* Wakefield Water franchise	2. <i>Town of Wakefield Enabling act expired 3/31/1895</i>	3/31/1894	St.1894, c. 187
* town-wide (8449)	3. Town of Wakefield	6/19/1902	St.1902, c. 488
Wales	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Walpole			
* town-wide (7910)	1. Town of Walpole	5/2/1893	St.1893, c. 277
Waltham			
* town-wide (14530)	1. Town of Waltham	5/4/1872	St.1873, c. 337
Ware (2371)	1. Town of Ware (accepted 7/26/1888)	3/11/1886	St.1886, c. 52
Wareham			
* Point Independence	1. Onset Water Company Acquired by Onset Fire District 1924 pursuant to St.1924, c. 408, § 2 (5/27/1924)	6/2/1892	St.1892, c. 334
* district boundaries ¹⁷⁶ (3462)	2. Onset Bay Fire District Name changed to Onset Fire District 5/27/1924 pursuant to St.1924, c. 408	4/17/1895	St.1895, c. 292 ¹⁷⁷
* district boundaries ¹⁷⁸ (8161)	3. Wareham Fire District	3/8/1907	St.1907, c. 178 ¹⁷⁹
* Pinehurst Beach	4. Pinehurst Beach Water Company Acquired by Wareham Fire District 4/1/1935 – action ratified by St.1935, c. 133, § 4 ¹⁸⁰	6/15/1925	Declaration of Trust

¹⁷³ Dracut district boundaries expanded in 1954 and 1957.

¹⁷⁴ Tyngsborough district to serve entire town not otherwise served by Dracut and North Chelmsford districts, or by City of Lowell.

¹⁷⁵ Incorporators had developed a water system in Uxbridge in 1879.

¹⁷⁶ Onset district boundaries adjusted with those of Wareham district to encompass entire town in 2000.

¹⁷⁷ No record of earlier corporate actions, statute ratified and confirmed all previous proceedings.

¹⁷⁸ Wareham district boundaries adjusted with those of Onset district to encompass entire town in 2000.

¹⁷⁹ No record of incorporation; statute ratified and confirmed all previous proceedings.

¹⁸⁰ Other unspecified Wareham district expansions and water system acquisitions confirmed and ratified by St.1935, c.133 (4/5/1935).

Warren			
* section of town (c. 20)	1. Warren Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Still in operation as of 1902; ceased operations by 1915	1837	Local Approval
* section of town (c. 20)	2. Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Still in operation as of 1889; ceased operations by 1915	1872	Local Approval
* section of town (c. 20)	3. J. W. Hastings (d/b/a) Still in operation as of 1889; ceased operations by 1915	1873	Local Approval
* town-wide	4. Town of Warren Repealed by St.1920, c. 390, § 15	4/12/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 267
* district boundaries ¹⁸¹ (626)	5. Warren Water District	4/30/1920	St.1920, c. 390
* Thorndike Village (58)	6. The Thorndike Company Water system acquired by West Warren Water Company 1/1/1933 pursuant to DPU 4482 (11/23/1932)	5/20/1922	St.1922, c. 436 ¹⁸²
* district boundaries	7. West Warren Water District <i>Enabling act expired 6/9/1932</i>	6/9/1931	St.1931, c. 425
* The Thorndike Corporation franchise (365)	8. West Warren Water Company Acquired by West Warren Water District 9/8/1971 – see St.1971, c. 145, §§ 1, 14	8/31/1932	Articles of Organization
* West Warren Water franchise (268)	9. West Warren Water District	4/8/1971	St.1971, c. 145
Warwick			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Washington			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Watertown			
* town-wide	1. Town of Watertown <i>Enabling act expired 5/10/1871</i> ¹⁸³	5/10/1875	St.1875, c. 199
* town-wide	2. Watertown Water Supply Company ¹⁸⁴ Acquired by Town of Watertown 2/2/1899 through municipal purchase option in charter	5/21/1884	St. 1884, c. 251
* Watertown Water Supply franchise (9150)	3. Town of Watertown	1898	Town Vote
Wayland			
* Cochituate village (4993)	1. Town of Wayland	3/23/1878	St.1878, c.80
* within 200' of town line	2. Town of Natick	3/4/1963	St.1963, c. 88
Webster			
* factory fire protection	1. Slater Woolen Company (H. N. Slater, d/b/a) (2/19/1866) Water system purchased by Town of Webster 1/1/1894 pursuant to St.1893, c. 155, § 8	c. 1866	Corporate actions
* town-wide (5150)	2. Town of Webster	3/30/1893	St.1893, c. 155
Wellesley			
* town-wide (8332)	1. Town of Wellesley	5/5/1883	St.1883, c. 166
Wellfleet			
* Pleasant Point	1. Pleasant Point Water Company Acquired by Pleasant Water Company (cooperative) 1985	3/3/1981	Articles of Organization
* Pleasant Point Water franchise (67)	2. Pleasant Water Company (cooperative)	6/4/1985	Articles of Organization
* town-wide (130)	3. Town of Wellfleet	c. 2010	Town vote?
Wendell			
	1. no central water system ¹⁸⁵	NA	NA
* within ½ mile of town line	2. Erving Water District	5/28/1918	Sp. St.1918, c. 172

¹⁸¹ Warren district boundaries expanded in 1990 and 1998; service to abutting out-of-district residents permitted in 1950.

¹⁸² Repealed by St.1924, c. 71 (3/5/1924); however, system operated thereafter under general statutes.

¹⁸³ Revived through 4/18/1881 pursuant to St.1879, c. 239 (4/18/1879).

¹⁸⁴ Charter provided for a 5 to 15-year franchise.

¹⁸⁵ Wendell has a water system used to supply 5 town-owned buildings.

Wenham			
* town-wide (1161)	1. Town of Wenham (accepted 9/18/1896)	4/24/1895	St.1895, c. 303
* additional sources ¹⁸⁶	2. Town of Wenham	4/18/1916	Sp. St.1916, c. 260
West Boylston			
* town-wide	1. Town of West Boylston <i>Enabling act expired 5/4/1896</i>	5/4/1893	St. 1893, c. 319
* district boundaries	2. Pinecroft Water District of West Boylston Acquired by West Boylston Water District 12/31/1991 pursuant to St.1991, c. 119 (7/8/1991)	5/18/1932	St.1932, c. 219
* district boundaries (2615)	3. West Boylston Water District (accepted 1939)	7/22/1933	St.1933, c. 352 ¹⁸⁷
West Bridgewater			
* town-wide	1. Town of West Bridgewater <i>Enabling act expired 4/24/1896</i>	4/24/1893	St. 1893, c. 240
* NE corner of town	2. Town of East Bridgewater	6/5/1908	St.1908, c. 588
* town-wide (2642)	3. Town of West Bridgewater	3/2/1910	St.1910, c. 138
West Brookfield			
* section of town (c. 60)	1. West Brookfield Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of West Brookfield?	1838	Local Approval
* section of town (c. 40)	2. Quaboag Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of West Brookfield?	1851	Local Approval
* section of town (c. 40)	3. Cement Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of West Brookfield?	1868	Local Approval
* town-wide (995)	4. Town of West Brookfield	4/29/1911 ¹⁸⁸	St.1911, c. 373
West Newbury			
* town-wide (1008)	1. Town of West Newbury	2/12/1936	St.1938, c. 36 ¹⁸⁹
West Springfield			
* town-wide (977)	1. West Springfield Aqueduct Company Acquired by Town of West Springfield 7/1892 through municipal purchase option in charter	4/17/1875	St.1875, c. 138
* West Springfield Aqueduct franchise (8546)	2. Town of West Springfield	1892	Town Vote
West Stockbridge			
* town-wide (50)	1. East Mountain Water Company Acquired by West Stockbridge Water Company 10/19/1939	4/14/1873	St.1873, c. 184
* East Mountain Water franchise (216)	2. West Stockbridge Water Company Acquired by Town of West Stockbridge 5/1/1995	7/2/1939	Articles of Organization
* district boundaries	3. Queensborough Water District ¹⁹⁰ <i>Enabling act expired 1/14/1998</i>	1/14/1994	St. 1993, c. 476
* West Stockbridge Water franchise (224)	4. Town of West Stockbridge	1995	Town Vote
West Tisbury			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Westborough			
* town-wide (5015)	1. Town of Westborough	3/15/1883 ¹⁹¹	St.1883, c. 77
Westfield			
* town-wide (12986)	1. Town of Westfield	5/29/1873	St.1873, c. 322

¹⁸⁶ Statute authorized use of additional water sources, including purchases from Salem and Beverly.

¹⁸⁷ Time for acceptance extended to 7/22/1941 pursuant to St.1939, c. 55 (3/11/1939).

¹⁸⁸ Town had a fire protection system as early as 1884.

¹⁸⁹ Section 10 ratified and confirmed town's earlier votes of 10/10/1935 and 10/11/1935 related to creation of water system.

¹⁹⁰ Formed with intent to acquire West Stockbridge Water.

¹⁹¹ Water was introduced to Westborough in 1879.

Westford			
* town-wide	1. Westford Water Company	3/6/1907	St.1907, c. 175
	acquired by Town of Westford 1955 through municipal purchase option in charter		
* Westford Water franchise (5317)	2. Town of Westford	1955	Town Vote
Westhampton			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
* section of town (57)	2. Westhampton Water Company Ceased operations 4/30/1990	9/11/1894	Articles of Organization
* 1 mile radius North/Stage	3. <i>Westhampton Water District Enabling act expired 2/25/1957</i>	2/25/1953	St.1953, c. 105
Westminster			
* section of town	1. Loughlin Springs Water Supply Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Westminster 10/1/1955	1920-1950	Local Approval
* section of town	2. Westminster Aqueduct Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Town of Westminster 10/15/1954	1920-1954	Local Approval
* town-wide (1189)	3. Town of Westminster	4/24/1950	St.1950, c. 369
* Winthrop Heights	4. Winthrop Heights Water Company (Myles Development, d/b/a) Ceased operations 3/1/1963	1954	Local Approval
* subdevelopment (8)	5. Charles Smith Water Company (Charles L. Smith, d/b/a) Ceased operations 1970	1/1/1954 *	Local Approval
* Holmes Park (49)	6. Holmes Park Water District	11/5/1963	St.1963, c. 788
* Leino Park (55)	7. Leino Park Water District	10/15/1985	St.1985, c. 385
Weston			
* section of town	1. Keewaydin Water Works (d/b/a) Ceased operations 12/16/1963 ¹⁹²	1883	Local Approval
* town-wide (229)	2. Weston Water Company Acquired by Town of Weston 7/1/1921 through municipal purchase option in charter	3/28/1896	St.1896, c. 217
* section of town	3. Glen Farms Water Company (d/b/a) Ceased operations 6/30/1941	pre-1916	Local Approval
* Auburndale	4. C. W. Hubbard Water Company ¹⁹³ (Charles W. Hubbard, d/b/a) Appears to have ceased operations sometime after 1934	pre-1920	Local Approval
* Kewaydin Water Works/. Hubbard system/town-wide	5. <i>Town of Wellesley Enabling act expired 3/24/1924</i>	3/24/1920	St.1920, c.184
* Weston Water franchise (3603)	6. Town of Weston	1921	Town Vote
* section of town	7. Weston Water Company Acquired by Town of Weston 7/20/1960	9/4/1925	Articles of Organization
Westport			
* mills and tenements	1. Westport Manufacturing Company (partnership) ¹⁹⁴ Ceased water operations 1930s	1854	Corporate Actions
* Acoaxet area (54)	2. Westport Harbor Aqueduct Company	7/18/1891	Articles of Organization
* Acoaxet area	3. Acoaxet Water Supply Company Company dissolved 1913; reverted to proprietorship (?)	3/28/1903	St.1903, c. 185
* Acoaxet Water Supply franchise?	4. Stephen R. Howland (d/b/a) Inherited by Leslie Davis 1963 subject to life interest	1920-1963	Local Approval
* Howland system (40)	5. Acoaxet Water Company (Leslie Davis, life interest) Acquired by Acoaxet Water Company, Inc. 2001	1963	Local Approval
* town-wide (150)	6. Town of Westport	8/16/1985	St.1985, c. 235
* Davis system (40)	7. Acoaxet Water Company, Inc.	7/7/1999	Articles of Organization

¹⁹² St.1920, c. 184, § 1 (3/24/1920) authorized Town of Wellesley to acquire this system; no action apparently taken.

¹⁹³ St.1920, c. 184, § 1 (3/24/1920) authorized Town of Wellesley to acquire this system; no action apparently taken.

¹⁹⁴ St.1822, c. 66 (2/8/1823) authorized charter for company, but never apparently used.

Westwood			
* Islington	1. Westwood Water Company (d/b/a) Acquired by Dedham Water Company 1940 pursuant to DPU 6160 (1940)	1901	Local Approval
* town-wide	2. <i>Town of Westwood Enabling act expired 3/18/1928</i>	3/18/1925	St.1925, c. 119
* town-wide	3. Dedham Water Company Acquired by Dedham-Westwood Water District 12/16/1986 – see St.1985, c. 193, § 10)	4/24/1930	St.1930, c. 248
* Dedham Water franchise	4. <i>Dedham-Westwood Water District Not accepted by voters</i>	7/11/1950	St.1950, c. 610
* Dedham Water franchise (13249) ¹⁹⁵	5. Dedham-Westwood Water District	7/24/1985	St.1985, c. 193
Weymouth			
* town-wide	1. Weymouth Aqueduct Company Incorporators "died about 1840"	2/25/1824	St.1824, c. 114
* town-wide (16096)	2. Town of Weymouth (accepted 11/26/1883)	4/6/1881	St.1881, c. 174
* town-wide	3. <i>East Weymouth Water Company</i> Repealed by St.1885, c. 22) ¹⁹⁶	5/3/1883	St.1883, c. 160
Whately			
* center of town (c. 40)	1. Irving Allis (d/b/a) Became Allis Water Works 1/1/1935	1898	Local Approval
* within 1 mile of Deerfield border	2. South Deerfield Water Supply District	4/4/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 253
* section of town (<20)	3. Homer L. Crafts Supply (Homer L. Crafts, d/b/a) Acquired by Catherine A. Rupp 12/18/1939	1920-1935	Local Approval
* Irving Allis system (c. 40)	4. Allis Water Works (Edward E. Allis, d/b/a) Acquired by Whately Water District 1971	1/1/1935	Purchase
* H L Crafts system (< 20)	5. Catherine A. Rupp Supply (Catherine A. Rupp, d/b/a) Ceased operations 12/11/1952	12/18/1939	Purchase
* Edward Allis system (42)	6. Whately Water District	6/25/1971	St.1971, c. 433
* town-wide (308)	7. Town of Whately ¹⁹⁷	10/8/1985	St.1985, c. 373
Whitman¹⁹⁸			
* town-wide	1. Town of South Abington (accepted 12/15/1887)	4/30/1883	St.1883, c. 152
* town-wide (4245)	2. Town of South Abington (with Abington and Rockland) (Accepted 1/16/1888)	4/30/1885	St.1885, c. 206 ¹⁹⁹
Wilbraham			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Wilbraham Not organized?	2/20/1797	St.1796, c. 48
* town-wide (3327)	2. Town of Wilbraham	4/30/1926	St.1926, c. 295
Williamsburg			
* town-wide (573)	1. Town of Williamsburg	5/1/1901	St.1901, c. 349

¹⁹⁵ System-wide connections including Dedham and Westwood.

¹⁹⁶ St.1885, c. 221 (5/12/1885) also validated all acts of Town of Weymouth in creating water system.

¹⁹⁷ Creation of municipal water department under emergency authority because numerous private wells were contaminated.

¹⁹⁸ Changed name from Town of South Abington in 1886.

¹⁹⁹ St.1886, c. 139 (4/9/1886) provided that costs beyond connection with main supply would go only to Abington and Rockland.

Williamstown			
* Town Street	1. Proprietors of the Water Works in the Town Street in Williamstown (Lemuel Stewart <u>et al.</u>) Disposition uncertain	2/26/1796	St.1795, c. 70
* town-wide	2. Williamstown Water Company Acquired by Williams Aqueduct Company 1856	3/27/1847	St.1847, c. 130
* section of town	3. Williams Aqueduct Company ²⁰⁰ Acquired by Williamstown Water Company 1889 pursuant to St.1889, c. 187 (3/29/1889)	1860	No record
* town-wide	4. Williamstown Water Company Acquired by Town of Williamstown 4/1942 through municipal purchase option in charter	6/10/1885	St.1885, c. 311
* South Williamstown	5. <i>Greylock Institute Water Company</i> <i>Charter lapsed 4/26/1889</i>	4/26/1887	St.1887, c. 223
* abutters to North Adams FD main	6. North Adams Fire District	3/21/1889	St.1889, c. 144
* Williamstown Water franchise (2105)	7. Town of Williamstown	1942	Town Vote
* section of town (19)	8. Waubeeka Goodwill Water Association	c. 1968	Articles of Organization
Wilmington			
* town-wide (7576)	1. Town of Wilmington	4/26/1926	St.1926, c. 276
Winchendon			
* town-wide	1. <i>Town of Winchendon</i> <i>Enabling act expired 5/29/1891</i>	5/29/1888	St.1888, c. 444
* Benjamin Hill area (< 20)	2. (a few customers from spring on Benjamin Hill)	c. 1890	Local Approvals
* town-wide (2107)	3. Town of Winchendon	5/12/1894	St.1894, c. 386
Winchester			
* town-wide (7142)	1. Town of Winchester	4/25/1872	St.1872, c. 265
Windsor			
	1. no central water system	NA	NA
Winthrop			
* town-wide	1. Revere Water Company System in town acquired by Town of Winthrop 1905 pursuant to St.1905, c. 477	5/22/1884	St.1884, c. 254
* Revere Water franchise	2. Town of Winthrop	4/6/1898	St.1898, c. 295
* Revere Water franchise – revised (4500)	3. Town of Winthrop ²⁰¹	5/26/1905	St.1905, c. 477
Woburn			
* town-wide (11383)	1. Town of Woburn	5/17/1871	St. 1871, c. 334
Worcester			
* “convening inhabitants” ²⁰²	1. Daniel Goulding (d/b/a) Disposition uncertain	3/2/1798	St.1797, c. 73
* Centre School district	2. Worcester Aqueduct Company Acquired by City of Worcester 1852 – see St.1848, c. 32, § 23	2/25/1845	St.1845, c. 90
* Worcester Aqueduct franchise	3. City of Worcester	2/29/1848	St.1848, c. 32, § 23
* city-wide (43034)	4. City of Worcester	4/20/1854	St.1854, c. 338
* Maplewood Avenue	5. West Boylston Water District	1/24/1950	St.1950, c. 7
Worthington			
* district boundaries (170)	1. Worthington Fire District	4/5/1911	St.1911, c. 233

²⁰⁰ Had been erroneously indexed in Secretary of State’s records as “Williamstown Aqueduct” until 1877.

²⁰¹ 1905 statute amended provisions of Revere Water’s 1884 enabling act governing acquisition of company’s assets in town.

²⁰² Statute provides that Goulding could provide water to “such of the inhabitants of the said Town as he may convene for the purpose of supplying them with water.”

Wrentham			
* town-wide	1. The Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Wrentham Incorporators "died about 1815"	6/21/1798	St.1798, c. 10
* town-wide (3486)	2. Town of Wrentham	2/16/1904	St.1904, c. 86
Yarmouth			
* town-wide	1. <i>Barnstable Water Company</i> <i>No work done; not accepted by towns</i> ²⁰³	3/25/1903	St. 1903, c. 172
* town-wide	2. <i>Yarmouth Water Company</i> Repealed by Sp. St.1917, c. 263 (4/10/1917)	4/12/1915	Sp. St.1915, c. 271
* town-wide	3. <i>Barnstable Water Company</i> ²⁰⁴ <i>Enabling act expired 4/24/1920</i>	4/24/1917	Sp. St.1917, c. 296
* town-wide	4. <i>Barnstable Water Company</i> ²⁰⁵ Repealed by St.1926, c. 337 (5/11/1926)	3/13/1925	St.1925, c. 110
* town-wide	5. <i>Barnstable Water Company</i> ²⁰⁶	5/11/1926	St.1926, c. 337
* Barnstable Water franchise	6. Town of Yarmouth Repealed by St.1928, c. 146 (3/20/1928)	5/11/1926	St.1926, c. 337, § 7
* West Yarmouth	7. <i>Barnstable Water Company</i> ²⁰⁷ System in town acquired by Town of Yarmouth pursuant to municipal buyout provision in act	3/20/1928	St.1928, c. 146
* Barnstable Water franchise	8. Town of Yarmouth	3/20/1928	St.1928, c. 146, § 7
* Barnstable Water franchise (16394)	9. Town of Yarmouth	c. 1930	Town Vote

²⁰³ St.1906, c. 321 (4/28/1906) extended time to complete system from 3/25/1906 to 3/25/1907.

²⁰⁴ Yarmouth had option to acquire system in town.

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NOTES

1. Italics indicate that: (1) corporation never organized or went into operation; (2) system not built within time required by enabling act; or (3) voters rejected enabling act.
2. "Town Vote" or "City Vote" signifies that community voted to exercise municipal buyout option contained in charter of incumbent utility.
3. "Corporate Actions" is generally used for manufacturing companies that built a water distribution system as an ancillary part of the business.
4. "Local Approvals" should be construed broadly – some of the earliest water system approvals were likely of a "casual" nature.
5. An asterisk after the date of formation for indicates date of initial operations for non-incorporated entities.
6. Parenthetical numbers in city/town column indicates approximate number of customers.
7. Department acquired jurisdiction over privately-owned water companies whose mains were in the public ways in 1914; definition of "water company" expanded in 1962 to include privately-owned systems whose mains were in private ways.