

*M-H Gas Company - 1 -*  
[REF # 3 On January 31, 1911, Mr. Charles S. Davis and Mr. E.F. Coggins, representing the Marlboro - Hudson Gas Co., Incorporated, conducted a hearing at Riverside Co-operative Hall with the voters of Maynard relative to introducing gas into the town. The amount to be charged for gas used was to be \$1.50 per 1000 feet, and the officials assured the voters that "the coal gas they manufactured was far superior to the water gas sold for less money." All present at the hearing were favorable toward the gas company.

[REF # 5 The franchise was drawn up by attorneys Sweeney and Wilson and signed by selectmen William Jones, William Connolly and Arthur E. Walker, February 11, 1911.]

[REFS 2, 4+6 The actual pipe laying was begun in April of that year. 36,960 feet of pipe was used from Hudson, through Gleasondale and Stow to Maynard. 20,000 feet was laid in all the existing streets east of Parker Street. This was completed by November, 1911. In June, 1912 an additional 14,000 feet was used to complete the section known as the new village. By this time 588 customers were acquired.]

The progressive expansion of gas mains has been comparable with the growth and development of the town itself.

[REF # 7 In 1939, the Marlboro - Hudson Gas Co. was purchased by the New England Gas and Electric Association from the New England Electric system. Ten years later the company merged with the Worcester Gas Light Co. which is the present distributor. George A. Ohman has headed the Marlboro - Hudson - Maynard district since 1939. The company

purchases its gas supply from the Framingham Division of the Worcester Gas Light Co.

Natural gas was introduced into the area in 1951 and with it began a tremendous growth in customers.]

[REF # 6 There are now approximately 1700 customers in Maynard including 103 Commercial accounts.]