

Explain their purpose, etc.

WATERING TROUGHS
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At town meeting, March 14, 1881, it was voted that a committee of two be appointed to consider the matter of public watering troughs. The committee appointed was Joseph Hapgood and George Flood. Since then the town has been the recipient of four.

In 1891, Lorenzo Maynard erected one at the corner of Main and Nason Streets, inscribed "GIFT OF L.M. -1891". In 1915, Nason Street was widened six feet and this watering trough was moved to the foot of Walnut Street, where it remained until parking meters were installed in 1952. It was then removed to the Public Works garage. At the request of the Maynard Historical Society, and with the whole-hearted co-operation of the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department and the Public Works Department this old landmark was restored to a dignified place in front of the Fire and Police Building on June 25, 1969.

November 3, 1891, the town voted to accept and maintain a public watering trough presented to the Town of Maynard by Mrs. Asahel Balcom. It was erected in 1892 at the intersection of Great Road and Parker Street, where it now stands.

June 1, 1892, the Selectmen granted Thomas F. Rafferty permission to put a watering trough on Main Street near Sudbury Street railroad crossing. This one is unique, being first made spherical for one of the battlefields, but before leaving the shop, was damaged and it was secured by Mr. Rafferty. April 2, 1894, the town voted to accept from Thomas F. Rafferty the gift of a memorial fountain on Main Street, also \$200, the interest of said sum to be used as maintenance and care of said memorial.

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June 27, 1904, town voted to accept a watering trough, the gift of the late Warren A. Haynes, and authorize the Selectmen to use the \$20 gift from the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to aid in establishing the same at the corner of Acton and Concord Streets. It was erected on September 10, 1904. Today, only the base of this one remains at the location.