

East Mendon Water System Early History

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Date	Source	Action/Item
3/6/1944	Town Meeting, Art. 19	\$250 voted for purpose of looking into the feasibility of having a Town Water System
3/9/1945	Town Meeting, Art. 18	\$3,500 be appropriated from available funds for driving test wells for a postwar water system
11/23/1945	Town Meeting, Art. 2	\$3,000 for purpose of preparing plans for a water system from the federal govt. This advance to be repaid without interest when funds are available for construction of said system.
7/1/1946	Town Meeting, Art. 3	Accepted Chapter 528 of acts of 1946 to establish Water Commission to supply itself and inhabitants with water
	Town Meeting, Art. 5	Raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of establishing a water supply system in the East Mendon section of Town. Treasurer to issue bonds or notes to Town payable in not more than 30 years in accordance with Ch. 528, Acts of 1946 and Ch. 44 of MGL.
10/9/1947	Town Meeting, Art. ?	\$3,000 for the purpose of completing the construction of the water main not less than 8" in diameter in the East Mendon section
1947	Annual Town Report	East Mendon water system went into use about 12/1/47, with 27 takers receiving service and 10 hydrants available. Owing to weather conditions, the final completion has been delayed until the Spring of 1948.
1948	Annual Town Report	Water Construction East Mendon, Balance on hand 1/1/48 \$5,61.92, expended \$3016.34. Balance 12/31/48, \$2,600.58
10/1/1949	Letter	Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. advises the Town that no federal funds are available.
10/6/1949	Town Meeting, Art. ?	Defeated a motion to Raise and Appropriate \$275,000 for the purpose of constructing a Town wide water system. No 172, Yes 88
1949	Annual Town Report	Water construction East Mendon, Balance on hand 1/1/49, \$2,600.58, expended \$1,960.25. Balance 12/31/49, \$640.33.
1950	Annual Town Report	Water construction East Mendon, Balance on hand \$640.33. No expenditures. There are 28 takers.
1951	Annual Town Report	East Mendon Water System has a total of 40 takers receiving service and 11 hydrants available. There will be additional services installed in 1952.
1952	Annual Town Report	East Mendon Water System has 48 takers receiving service and 11 hydrants available. Additional services will be added in 1953.

1953	Annual Town Report	East Mendon Water System has 52 takers receiving service and 11 hydrants available. NOTE: The assessed valuation of property owned by the takers of the East Mendon Water System has been increased by 10%. The present valuation amounts to \$26,039. On the basis of the 1953 tax rate of \$44.00/1,000, this would mean that approx. \$705. in taxes was received in 1953 from these water takers over and above their normal taxes. NOTE: This could not be done today under 100% valuation requirements.
19788	Town Meeting, Art. 2	Voted to appoint a committee to study the advisability of a Town Water System.
1954	Annual Town Report	The assessed valuation of property owned by takers of the East Mendon Water System amounts to \$195,000. On the basis of the 1954 tax rate of \$47.00/1,00, this would mean that \$829.08 was received in 1954 taxes from these water takers over and above the normal taxes, due to the higher assessed valuation of property in water district.
1955	Annual Town Report	During 1955, the Water Commissioners added three more services to the system, making a total of 54. We are requesting appropriations at the 1956 annual Town Meeting for the purpose of making extensions on Cape Road where there are two proposed takers and on Bates Street where seven takers desire services at the present time. It is also planned to install an additional hydrant.
3/9/1956	Town Meeting, Art. 17	Raised and appropriated \$4,946.25 for extension of East Mendon Water System on Bates Street.
	Town Meeting, Art. 18	Raised and appropriated \$2,000 for extension of the East Mendon water system on Cape Road.
1956	Annual Town Report	During 1956 extensions to the East Mendon Water Systems were made on Bates St and Cape Rd. Thus 10 more services were added, making a total of 64. One more hydrant was also installed, bringing the total number of hydrants to 12.
1957	Annual Town Report	The Board of Water Commissioners re-negotiated the contract with the Town of Bellingham to provide water for East Mendon System for another ten-year period. At the same time additional increase was made in the cost of water to the town of Mendon. Therefore, it was necessary to advance the rates to the consumers in July 1957.