

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE AND THE TOWN OF MENDON TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO PROPERTIES ON OR NEAR ROUTE 16 IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

This agreement, made and entered into this Leq day of August 1999, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, § 4A, by and between the Town of Hopedale, a municipal corporation within the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Board of Selectmen and its Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "Hopedale" and the Town of Mendon, a municipal corporation within the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Board of Selectmen and its Board of Water Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "Mendon."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the owners of twenty-four properties on or near Route 16 in Mendon (the "twenty-four property owners") have been deprived of a supply of potable water due to the contamination of private drinking wells; and

WHEREAS, Mendon received a request from the twenty-four property owners to provide a supply of potable water by connection to a water line located in and owned by Hopedale;

WHEREAS, Hopedale has permitted the water connection to its water system to service the twenty-four property owners as authorized by Article 23 of the April 14, 1998 Annual Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, Mendon in Article 27 of the May 2, 1999 Annual Town Meeting authorized its Board of Selectmen and its Board of Water Commissioners as follows:

To enter into an agreement with the Town of Hopedale or any of its Boards or Departments for the supply of water to approximately 24 property owners located on Eight Rod Road, Harrington Way and Milford Street, Route 16, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen and Water Board shall deem appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual benefits to be derived by the parties hereto, the parties agree as follows:

1. Hopedale will charge a connection fee of \$1,000.00 which shall be invoiced directly to the twenty-four property owners being serviced by the Hopedale water system, and Hopedale shall be initially responsible for the collection of such fee. Any fee not collected shall be subject to the collection procedure set forth in Attachment 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- 2. Mendon shall require that the property owners whose wells were known to be contaminated and so declared by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) decommission their existing contaminated wells. Mendon shall require that the property owners whose wells have not been declared contaminated maintain their wells in accordance with DEP regulations.
- 3. All meter reading and billing for the twenty-four property owners will be conducted by the Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and payment of the bills for water service will be made directly to Hopedale. Hopedale will charge the twenty-four property owners the same rates as it charges Hopedale residents for water.
- 4. The supply of water under this Agreement shall be subject to all rules and regulations, including any restrictions placed on the use of water, governing the Hopedale water system.
- 5. All repairs and/or maintenance required to the water mains which are the subject of this Agreement, including those installed on Route 16, Harrington Avenue, and Eight Rod Road, will be performed by or under the direction of the Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer

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- An annual hydrant fee of \$250.00 per hydrant will be paid by Mendon to 6. Hopedale. There are currently a total of five hydrants in the project area. The fee charged may be changed by vote of the Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners provided that any increase will reasonably reflect the cost of maintaining and servicing said hydrants.
- The term of this Agreement shall be for one year from the date of its execution 7. and shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis, unless otherwise amended or terminated by agreement of both parties in writing, for a total term of up to twenty-five years from the date of execution in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §4A.
- 8. For a lot(s) owned by any of the twenty-four property owners which currently does not contain structures, the owners of the lot(s) may pay to Hopedale the connection fee of \$1,000.00 per lot on or before October 31, 1999 to ensure service of water from Hopedale consisting of a single, one-inch residential line per property. Failure to make payment by the date indicated may result in future denial of a connection for the property or an increased fee for such connection. The connection fee does not include the cost of any additional road opening work, which will be the responsibility of the property owner.
- Water service provided under the terms of this Agreement shall extend only to the 9. twenty-four properties as listed in Attachment 2 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The properties to which water service may be provided are more particularly delineated on the plan attached hereto as Attached and incorporated herein by reference. There shall be no nonresidential use in the service area.

- directly or indirectly to property not within the service area delineated in paragraph 9 of this

 Agreement without an amendment to this agreement signed by the parties hereto and specifically authorized by the Town Meetings of both Hopedale and Mendon. Hopedale, in its discretion and in accordance with its maintenance obligations described in Paragraph 5, may install a block and a blow off valve at the existing water line beyond the gate valve located approximately 2,800 feet westerly of the Hopedale/Mendon town line along Route 16. If Hopedale does install the block and blow off valve, both the dormant end and the pressurized end of the severed pipe must be capped.
- 11. This agreement and any amendments thereto are subject to M.G.L. c. 40, §4A and Chapter 425 of the Acts of 1998.
- 12. This agreement supersedes all prior agreements and other understandings between or among the parties, including that certain agreement dated April 15, 1999 between the Hopedale Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and the Mendon Board of Water Commissioners, and represents the complete and full agreement of the parties hereto.
- 13. Hopedale and Mendon agree to execute and file an Agreement for Judgment, attached as Attachment 3, in Town of Hopedale v. Water and Sewer Commission of the Town of Hopedale, et. al., Worcester Superior Court Civil Action No. 99-0679B (the "case"). Hopedale and Mendon agree that in accordance with the Agreement for Judgment, the case shall be dismissed as to Mendon with prejudice and without costs. Hopedale and Mendon further agree that the Restraining Order issued by the Court in the case on June 30, 1999 shall be dissolved.
- 14. Mendon agrees to pay Hopedale \$1,700 for attorney's fees within thirty (30) days of the execution of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have hereto set their hands and seals on the date and year first above written.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

TOWN OF MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF MENDON

WATER COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT 1

Collection Procedure

- 1. Hopedale shall provide Mendon with written notice of those property owners subject to this Agreement who have failed to pay their water bills within thirty days of the date of issue of said bills.
- 2. Mendon will provide notification by certified mail to the property owners who have failed to pay their water bills that failure to make payment to Hopedale's within fourteen (14) days may result in termination of water service.
- 3. On the fourteenth day from the mailing of the notice by Mendon, Mendon shall seek confirmation from Hopedale that payment for the unpaid water bills has not yet been received.
- 4. Upon receiving confirmation from Hopedale that payment for the unpaid water bills has not yet been received, Mendon shall notify the property owners who have failed to pay their water bills of the date upon which water service will be terminated by the Town of Hopedale.
- 5. If water service is terminated, the Town of Hopedale shall notify the Town of Mendon which will notify the Mendon Board of Health of the addresses of those properties for which water service has been terminated.
- 6. Water service will be restored upon payment to Hopedale of all outstanding water charges, as well as a reconnection charge as established by Hopedale.

(End of Attachment 1)

ATTACHMENT 2

Properties in Mendon Authorized to Receive Water Service, as shown on Mendon Assessor's Map attached hereto as Exhibit A:

Milford Street

Lot 42 .

Lot 44

Lot 47

Lot 49

Lot 52

Lot 55

Lot 56

Lot 57

Lot 58

Lot 60

Lot 61

Lot 62

Lot 63

Lot 64

Lot 65

Lot 66

Lot 68

Lot 69

Lot 70

Lot 71

Harrington Street

Lot 6

Lot 8

Eight Rod Road

Lot 4

Lot 8

Mendon Authorized Lots

Properties in Mendon Authorized to Receive Water Service, as shown on Mendon

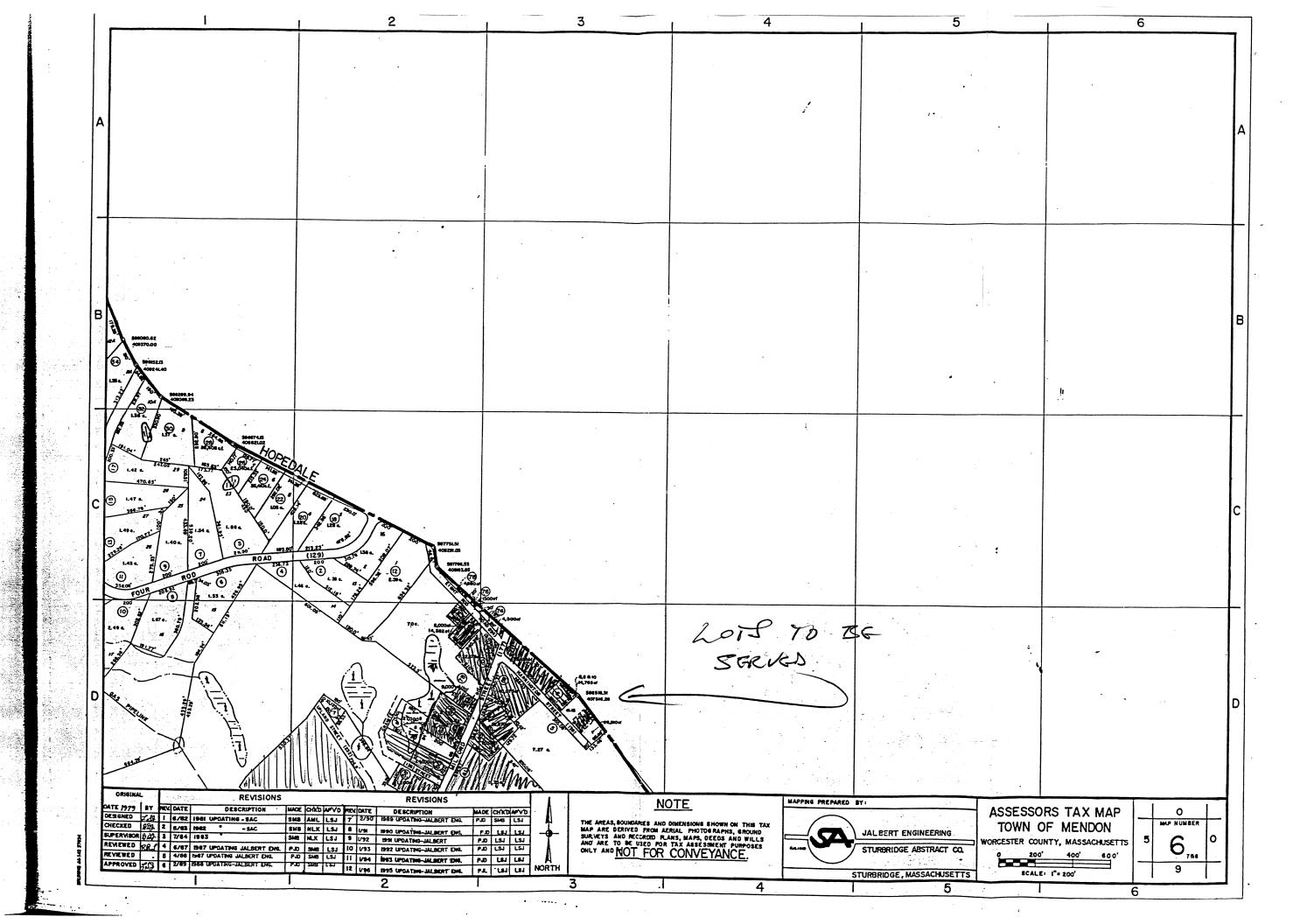
Assessor's Map attached hereto as Exhibit A:

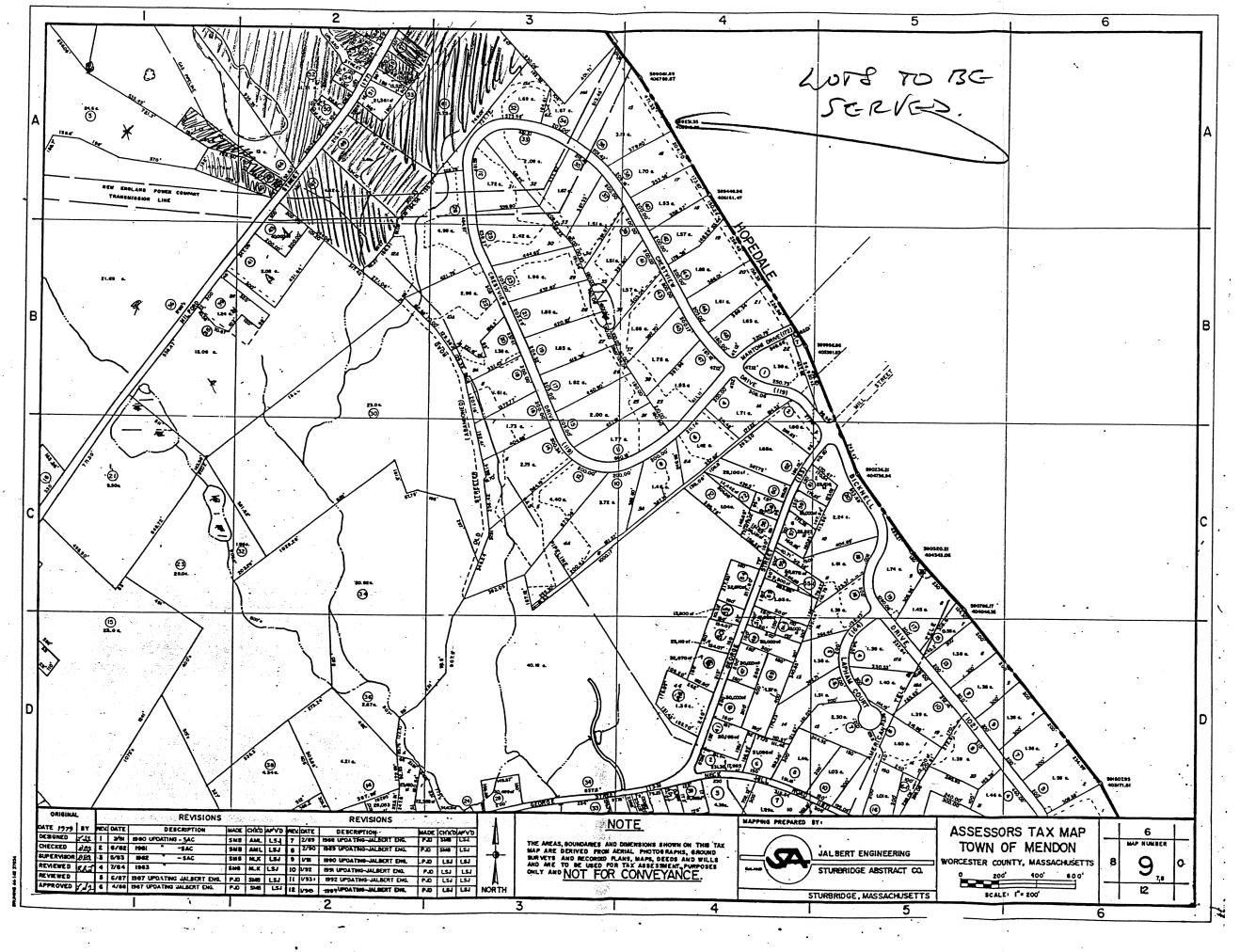
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Milford Street
      Lot 42
      LOT 44 - HOPEDALE WATER - WER DIFTKUYED
      Lot 47
      Lot 49
      Lot 52
      Lot 55
     Lot 56
     Lot 57 - HOVEDALE WATER
     Lot 58 - WATER (HOPEDBUE)
     Lot 60 - HOPEDAUE WATER - WELL DISTROYED
     Lot 61
     Lot 62 - HOPEDALE WATER - WELL DUTKUYED
     Lot 63 - HOPEDALE WATER
     Lot 64 - HOPEDAUE WATER - WELL DISTRYED
     LOT 65 - HOYEDNE WATER & SEWER - WELL DIST KNYED
     Lot 66 - HOPEDALE WATER - WELL DISTRYED
     Lot 68 - HOPEDALE WATER - WELL DISTROYED
     Lot 69
     Lot 70 HOPEDALE WATER - WELL DISTROYED
     Lot 71 - SEWER ONLY
Harrington Street
     Lot 6
     Lot 8
Eight Rod Road
     Lot 4
    Lot 8 - Hopedale Connected 2004
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            TO HOPEOBLE WATER
             & WELLS DISTROYED
            2 - SEWER ONLY
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24 PROPERTIES AUTHORIZED

TO RECEIVE HOPEDALE

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