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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING June 05, 2026
20 Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m.

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, June 05, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call: Present: William Prendergast, Chair; Mary Reilly, Board Member; Aaron Williams, Board Member; Mark Siegars, District Counsel; Kevin Swail, Superintendent; Katie Lemanski, Treasurer; Cindy Roughley, Clerk.

Also present: Mark Bashara, Scott Graves, and James Rathbun

William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for May were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the regular meeting of May 01, 2026 were reviewed. Item number seven (7) regarding taking of property in Zone 1 for delineation of Bull Hill Road area: Mark Siegars to put together a map for Barb Hassan of the property discussed at the May meeting and be ready to present it to the Board at the July meeting. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Discussion of water main upgrades on Wabasso and Hobomack were discussed with Scott Graves. No action taken.
4. Public comments: Mark Bashara asked about level funding for the budget. Discussion to follow later in the meeting.
5. Mike Callahan from VADAR joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the financial software program to be used by the District. It is a Point of Service (POS) software application and payments will be processed and accessed through the Internet. The data is backed up twelve times per day at two different physical locations. The software will be automatically integrated with meter readings and also a manual override if needed. Eighty or ninety towns in Massachusetts are now using the VADAR software program. There will be training sessions for Katie Lemanski to attend on how to use the software.
6. There were no disputes or abatements.
7. Zoning map update: Mark Siegars will take the completed map up to the Assessor's office. This item can be removed from the agenda going forward.
8. The annual budget was discussed. Aaron Williams suggested a five per cent (5 %) budget increase for fiscal year 2027 based on the asset management plan that the residents supported in a prior public meeting. EPA plans to cut funding and State and Federal grants also to be cut. With the well construction expenses going up, ductile iron is now $ 20 per foot more and costs of hydrants have gone up 30 %. A

proposed 2 per cent (2%) or zero per cent (0 %) increase is not in alignment with the plan. It should be the voters' choice. Mary Reilly stated that when the asset management plan was approved it was four years ago and hard to predict what the current economic situation would be now. William Prendergast stated that they recognize the concerns of senior citizens, however the Board has made every effort to talk out each budget item and predict costs for next year. James Rathbun expressed concern about senior citizens and that they will need to readjust where the Town is now going to be for taxes. He is asking for one year pause for any water district budget increases. Mark Bashara stated that he has asked for level funding for all Town budgets including the water district. William Prendergast stated that a zero per cent increase is too difficult for the repairs that have to be done in the District. Mary Reily made a motion for a three per cent (3 %) increase in the budget for fiscal year 2027 to be a warrant item for voting at the annual District meeting. William Prendergast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Treasurer's Report: Katie Lemanski reported that as of April 30th, 2026 there were $ 160,690.81 in outstanding payments and as of May 31, 2026 the total outstanding was $ 68,776.77. Demands for payment have gone out.
10. The warrant articles for the annual meeting were reviewed and signed by the Commissioners. Cindy Roughley to take the signed notice and articles to the Police department for signature and posting.
11. Federal grants and loans: Mark Siegars reported that he is working on the ECWAG grant and the USDA loan application. He is hoping to hear by early August. An application for a One Stop grant for one-half of a million dollars has been submitted. He may have found another State program that the District may be eligible for as well, and he will submit the form next week. The report from Hydrosource has been completed he is finishing up a report for the State. The rate study is still being completed.
12. Website update: Discussed notice for annual meeting to be added to the website. Cindy Roughley to add the annual report to the website and "Please attend" above meeting announcement. Mary Reilly made a motion to authorize sending the Commissioners' Report along with a reminder out to residents of the District asking them to attend the annual meeting. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
13. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that he is working on the lines on Stormview with a line separating 21 and 25 Stormview. Hydrant risers are being installed. Kevin will post for a full time position in the fall. The State reports have been completed. Kevin will send a copy of the signed Consumer Confidence Report to Cindy Roughley for posting on the website.
14. Regarding the three acres in Zone 1 to be acquired and the State requirements: Mark Seigars stated that the State prefers ownership of the property by the District. This is to be done by transfer of deed.
15. The date for the next regular Commissioners' meeting is Friday, July 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. due to the observed holiday on the 3rd of July.
16. Mary Reilly made a motion to end the meeting. William Prendergast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.