



Community Service Agreement

Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District, Lanesborough MA, Rate Study

RCAP Mission:

RCAP Solutions is the Northeast affiliate of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP). RCAP is a national network of regional nonprofit organizations that provide comprehensive, on-site technical assistance and training to help small, rural communities address their drinking water, wastewater, and other community development needs. The ability of RCAP Solutions, Inc. (RCAP) to aid communities free of charge is dependent on grants received by RCAP. We are pleased to convey that for this program year, we have funding which allows for our services to be provided at no charge to your community.

Project Summary:

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District, 20 Bridge St, Lanesborough, MA has approx. 990 connections for 3,000 residents with approximately 40 business customers are metered. The system is permitting a new source and the MADEP has notified the system to address the installation of meters. They have a growing number of customers requesting meters, so the system needs to develop a reliable rate structure to include them as an EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) has become outdated. The system has requested the help of RCAP to complete a rate study plan.

Technical Assistance Description:

Specific tasks to be conducted by RCAP include:

- Attend meetings with the water board/ community if requested
- Supply the system with a report showing rate options for them to choose from

Community responsibilities:

- Assign a community contact that will communicate to RCAP with the computer access
- Supply RCAP with any needed financial and water meter/ rate data

Hold Harmless:

Indemnify and hold harmless RCAP from consequences resulting from actions taken by the system listed in this agreement as a result of RCAP deliverables. It is expressly understood and agreed that RCAP is acting solely in an advisory capacity and is not a decision maker, not an agent of the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District. Any decisions made by the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District are solely responsibility of the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District and RCAP shall not be held liable for any consequences resulting from such decisions.



Anticipated Technical Assistance Service Period:

The service period will be defined as follows: (may be adjusted during the project as necessary).

Tech 25-26 Sept 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026

Agreement:

Upon signing by both parties, this document will serve as a Community Services Agreement and Work Plan guiding the provision of technical assistance to the community. If for any reason, either party is unable or unwilling to continue with this project, they agree to promptly notify the other party and to provide an explanation of why the project is not being continued.

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RCAP Solutions Technical Service Provider (Signature)

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Date

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