

LANESBOROUGH VILLAGE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
20 Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m.

May 02, 2025

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, May 02, 2025.

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: Mr. Garlett Hastetter

William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for April 2025 were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the meeting of April 04, 2025 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes as amended to include the word "exemption" before the word "billing" on item number one of the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. The revised abatement form of 04-05-2025 was reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the form as amended. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Public comments: Mr. Hastetter of 5 Narragansett Avenue inquired about the amount of his water bill. He was referred to Lisa Wellspeak at Town Hall to apply for any exemptions.
5. Miner Road project update: Kevin Swail reported that he completed a walk through with Tighe and Bond, who will move forward with a proposal and design for water main. The Board is working on expanding the district. Mark Siegars to write a letter to the Board of Health, Selectmen, and Conservation Committee regarding concerns with the wells on Miner Road and capped landfill, requesting quarterly testing as per EPA testing standards.
6. The Plaza on Route 7 update regarding meters: Kevin Swail reported that there has been no change. To be removed from future agendas.
7. There were no disputes.
8. There were no abatements.
9. There were no betterments or liens to discuss. To be removed from future agendas.
10. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 156 visitors to the website in the last 30 days.
11. The items for the annual report should be sent to Cindy Roughley by May 13, 2025.

12. Katie Lemanski presented the annual budget, which was reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to approve the annual budget for FY 2026. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
13. Katie Lemanski presented the annual meeting warrant, which was reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the annual meeting warrant as presented. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Board of Commissioners signed the warrant. Cindy Roughley will bring the signed warrant to the Police Department for posting.
14. Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that as of April 30, 2025 there was an outstanding balance of \$ 150,922.26 owed to the water district.
15. Federal grants and loans update: Mark Seigars stated that the application for the USDA grant should be completed today. Receipts are still being submitted for the Bull Hill Road well project to the EPA grant fund.
16. Legal issues/mall billing: There are no updates to the mall billing. Discussion of responsibility of the mall owner to have a water hydrant installed in case of an emergency, to turn water on and off.
17. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit update: Mark Seigars stated that an additional claim has been submitted, and the district will be included.
18. Bull Hill Road well update: A ten day pump test and recharge test will take place soon.
19. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that maintenance for hydrants and curb stops is being completed. A meter was installed at 45 North Main Street.
20. The date for the next regular meeting will be Friday, June 06, 2025.
21. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.