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

June 09, 2023

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held their regularly scheduled meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, June 09, 2023. Chair William Prendergast called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The agenda was properly posted.

**Roll call:** **Present:** William Prendergast, Chair; Mary Reilly and Aaron Williams, Board Members; Mark Siegars, District Counsel; Linda Pruyne, Treasurer; Kevin Swail, Superintendent; Cindy Roughley, Clerk; Kristen Tool, Website Design/Maintenance

Also present: Mike Weslowski, Mt. View Farm; Katie Lemanski, Town of Lanesborough Accountant

1. William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
2. Mr. Gerry Robichaud, 185 Glassworks Road, did not attend the meeting.
3. Mr. Mike Weslowski from Mt. View Farm discussed the use of water from the hydrant on Cheshire Road. Mark Siegars suggested that an agricultural rate should be established in the future. Aaron Williams made the motion that, starting with fiscal year 2024 (July 01, 2023), Mr. Weslowski will be billed the annual rate for water use from the hydrant on Cheshire Road, unless the Water District comes up with an agricultural rate in the future. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Approval of prior meeting minutes: an amendment was needed to the 05-26-23 minutes. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes from the 05-26-2023 meeting with the amendment. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
5. Kristen Tool reported that there were 117 visitors to the Water District website last month. Kristen will create a specific menu option for the website that will contain information regarding droughts.
6. Discussion of email received from Aquarion. Mary Reilly made the motion that Mark Siegars should write a letter in response to the email requesting a proposal that should include any case studies and results of those studies. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Discussion of delinquent accounts. Mark Siegars stated that he would look into the State regulations concerning non-payment of water bills. Discussion of process and the possibility of demand notices being sent out directly from the collection software program.
8. Abatements: There were no abatement requests.

9. The owners of the Mall did not pay the water bill. Mark Siegars to create and send a certified letter as notification of water being shut off. Kevin Swain will ask Lenox Construction to complete the actual shut off procedure.
10. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit: Mark Siegars handed out a copy of an email he received containing an update to the procedures.
11. Treasurer's report: Linda Pruyne presented the Warrant for June and the Board of Commissioners signed it.
12. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that the Bull Hill Road project is ready to go. Kevin will get a quote from Paul Traversa to install meters. Reported that Palmer Pavement will be taking water from a hydrant for road work on route 7 and they are setting up an account for them.
13. The annual Water District meeting to be held on June 27th, 2023 at the Water District office at 6 p.m. Mark Siegars will create the agenda and the warrants. Board of Commissioners and Treasurer to send their reports to Cindy Roughley. Cindy will create the annual report. Kevin Swail has already sent his report to Cindy.
14. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.