

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

October 06, 2023

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held their regularly scheduled meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, October 06, 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; Kevin Swail, Superintendent; Katie Lemanski, Treasurer; Cindy Roughley, Clerk; Kristen Tool, Website Design/Maintenance

Also present: David Eisenthal, Sarah DeZess, Linda Pruyne

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

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for October was approved and signed by the Commissioners.
2. The minutes from the meeting of September 01, 2023 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
3. Kristen Tool reported that there were a couple of messages received and answered. The link to the payment area on the Town's website was not working but it is up and running again.
4. Target: Target asked for a copy of the water bill. Water District waiting on bill from Pittsfield. Katie to check if bill was received from Pittsfield.
5. Mall: Mark Seigars sent all bills for the last 5 years and the contract to the mall owners. Discussion about rate. Mary Reilly made a motion to assess the water bill according to the contract that had been established. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The water district needs an affidavit from the collector regarding the water bills outstanding. Mark Siegars to file with the court.
6. Discussion with Sarah DeZess, Town Treasurer. Needs orders from the Water District and a method for payment plans. Water District to look at the Town's payment plan policy and review it, for discussion at the next meeting. Copy of language that is going on the back of the water bills was handed out. Discussion of liens on property for non-payment of water bills. Mary Reilly made a motion that for any outstanding balances as of November 16<sup>th</sup> for fiscal year 2023 and prior would result in lien. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Asset management plan discussion with David Eisenthal from Unibank. Talk of new dump truck and whether to finance or buy it. Kevin to get updated information from Ford credit.

There are programs such as the Mass Clean Water Trust, for water mains and wells. Katie needs a financial adviser to come up with a financing plan in order to complete the asset management program.

8. Abatements: there were no abatements to discuss. Cindy Roughley to bring updated abatement form to the next meeting for review and approval.
9. Superintendent's report: the power line to the new tank on Prospect Street was connected and is good to go. Kevin will ask about the lease, request a new quote for a five year note regarding the new dump truck. The lead service grant reimbursements have been coming in. Tighe and Bond submits the invoices for reimbursements.
10. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit: Mark Siegars reported that baseline studies for contamination were submitted on the new form.
11. The next regular Water District meeting to be held on Friday, November 03, 2023 at the Water District office at 10 a.m.
12. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.