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

May 26, 2023

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held a meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, May 26, 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

Also present: Scott Graves, Katie Lemanski

1. William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
2. Discussion with Scott Graves regarding water service line from Iroquois Street to his property. Kevin to contact Tighe and Bond to design a plan for the installation of a water main and two fire hydrants on Iroquois. Mr. Graves has agreed to install the water line from Narragansett to his property with materials provided by the Water District. The Water District will provide the pipe, fire hydrants, and connections. The two neighbors to the west of his property have indicated they would also like to tie into the line. Aaron Williams made a motion to request a plan from Tighe and Bond for the whole project. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Discussion regarding Mr. Graves being on the list for owing payments for the water bills on his property from purchase in 2021. Decision tabled for the next meeting. Ensure shut off list is on the agenda. Further discussion regarding property that is taken by the Town of Lanesborough through tax title, and who is responsible for payment of the continuing water bills up until the property is sold. Collector should be putting a lien against the property when she is made aware that the property is in tax title.
4. Discussion regarding rain water coming down from Iroquois Street onto Narragansett and flooding yards. This is a DPW issue and not a Water District matter.
5. Linda Pruyne presented the budget. Discussion of budget with the tax rate going to \$928 with a quarterly rate of \$232 compared to the current quarterly rate is \$ 213, an increase of \$ 19 per quarter. Discussion moved to delinquent payments. Linda Pruyne suggested sending a reminder notice. Ben Gelb has the ability to send out the reminder notices, the Water District would have to pay for the postage and paper. Linda Pruyne suggested that Katie talk to Ben to find out if this can be done. Mark suggested that Diane is the Collector and that Katie should talk to Diane and not Ben about this subject of sending the reminders.

6. Discussion regarding Treasurer position. Mark Siegars suggested that the job be posted on the Water District Website for 7 days. After 7 days resumes should be reviewed and interviews those interested then hire someone. In the meantime Katie Lemanski has agreed to be treated as a volunteer. District to keep track of the time so that an adjustment can be made if and when she is hired in the future. Aaron Williams made a motion to post the Treasurer position on the Water District website for 7 days. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Discussion of budget resumed. Aaron Williams made a motion to accept the budget. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
8. Discussion of warrant items for annual meeting. Mark Siegars will be putting together the warrant.
9. Aaron Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Prendergast seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.