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

February 02, 2024

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held their regularly scheduled meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, February 02, 2024. 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, Board Member; Aaron Williams, Board Member; Mark Siegars, District Counsel; Kevin Swail, Superintendent; Katie Lemanski, Treasurer; Cindy Roughley, Clerk; Kristen Tool, Website Design/Maintenance

Also present: Jennifer Summers

William Prendergast opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1. The minutes from the meeting of January 05, 2024 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
2. The warrant and payroll warrant for January 2024 was approved and signed by the Commissioners.
3. Public comment: Jennifer Summers asked if it was possible to have the water line extended to property at 71 Miner Road, for a single-family home. Discussion regarding the process followed. William Prendergast suggested to Mrs. Summers that an engineer be used and then prepare a request for the Water District.
4. Andrew Morosky from Tighe and Bond was called to discuss the lead pipe survey. The first round of inspections has been conducted and the next round will be scheduled for next month. Tighe and Bond will send out another round of postcards to ask people to sign up. Out of 881 services, 328 are complete with no lead so far. William Prendergast asked for monthly updates from Tighe and Bond be sent in memo format to the Water District by the first of each month. Additional promotion of the project was discussed. It was suggested that information be placed in the Town E-newsletter, the Town website and the Lanesborough Facebook page.
5. There were no disputes to discuss.
6. Abatements: Laurel Ridge is current on the bill, except for a \$5,000 charge plus interest that was on the account due to error. Aaron Williams made a motion to approve an abatement for Laurel Ridge for \$ 5,244.08 plus any accumulated interest to date. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Kevin Swail to call and inform the owner that the Water District has approved the abatement.  
Sarah Ambrose from 145 Old State Road has a lingering past due balance, but is not connected to water. Mary Reilly made a motion to approve abatement of \$ 242.69

plus interest and to release the lien. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Berkshire Co-op discussion regarding financial contribution made to the Town for the initial application to be applied to annual betterment payment. Katie Lemanski to check with Town Manager for records from 2019.

7. There were 365 visits to the website. The link to sign up for the lead pipe testing will be placed on the Facebook page.
8. The final decision for the MA Rural Water Association class action lawsuit should be this month. Mark Seigars was contacted to provide a 1099 for the Water District. He suggested that the funds received should be put in a reserve for projects, treatments, etc.
9. Shut offs: Demand and shut off notices should go out to those who have not paid by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Shut offs will occur if payment has not been made ten days after the due date. Mark Seigars spoke with the Town Manager about the stuffing and mailing the water bills. Regarding the mall, judgement is next. Have to file a complaint, lien on property and ask for judgement to give Water District the authority to collect.
10. An order of conditions for the well on Bull Hill Road was received from the Conservation Commission. Need to complete report and send back to the Town Clerk. There is a question regarding the section that states all work has to be done while the ground is frozen for drilling. Joe from Tighe and Bond will reach out to the Conservation Commission about this and then he will get back to the Water District with the information.
11. Superintendent's report: Discussion regarding Ocean and G street project. Mary Reilly made a motion to go to bid for the Ocean and G Street project. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.  
The meter replacement project is ongoing. Paul Travesa has been getting the meters installed in commercial buildings and is now working on meters currently in the system. Mary Reilly asked about \$ 7,171.90 inventory and replacement expense item. Katie Lemanski confirmed that was paid to Tighe and Bond. \$2,200.00 was paid to Lenox Construction for the hydrant replacement on Miner Road and Route 7 caused by motor vehicle accident. A claim has been filed and information sent to the insurance company, MIAA, for reimbursement. There has been no word yet on when the new pickup truck will be ready.
12. The next regular Water District meeting to be held on Friday, March 01, 2024 at the Water District office at 10 a.m.
13. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m