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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
20 Bridge Street, 1:30 p.m.

February 06, 2026

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on February 06, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

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: William Pulasky

Nathan Fenwick from Lanesborough DPW

Joe Popielarczyk and Pete Valinski from Tighe and Bond

William Prendergast opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for January were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the regular meeting of January 09, 2026 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Limited salt community request discussed with Nathan Fenwick. William Prendergast explained the request was to limit salt on the roads to protect the wells and ground water recharge area. Nathan Fenwick stated they could not eliminate using salt on the roads but could reduce the salt amount and add sand to the mix. The salt used is treated with molasses to help it stick to the roads. It depends on the storm whether pre-treatment can be done. Mark Siegars spoke about how incredibly expensive it is to remove the salt from the water system and that it is an environmental dilemma for all. Mark Siegars suggested a petition to the State to make them aware of our concerns about how excessive salt use in zone 2 of the District affects our water supply, and for them to consider reducing salt use in that area.
4. There were no public comments.
5. There were no disputes.
6. Abatements: An abatement request form was received from William Pulasky at 209 Narragansett. Mr. Pulasky asked about current rates and possibility of using meters. William Prendergast explained the rate structure and that the District was looking into meters but the current policy still stands. William Prendergast suggested that Mr. Pulasky go to Town Hall and speak with the tax collector and assessor's office about applying for any senior exemptions that may be available to him. The abatement was denied.

7. Zoning map update: Joe Popielarczyk from Tighe and Bond stated that the overlay map was supposed to have been updated in January by Andrew Groff. Mark Siegars suggested that all property owned by the Water District be included on the map, designating where the District owned parcel boundaries are. Tighe and Bond to update the map to include those boundaries.
8. Miner Road project update: Owners of five properties on Miner Road have signed a petition to be included in the Water District and have been verified as owners. Three names on the petition are not currently property owners on Miner Road. This item will be added for a vote at the District's annual meeting.
9. Bull Hill Road well update: Tighe and Bond has submitted an amendment to the contract with the District for the project. Proposed budget is now \$ 662,500. There are two more permitting phases that have to be completed. The goal is to apply for and receive a WEP grant to cover most of the expenses along with an EAWAG grant. Mark Siegars to reach out to Samantha at RCAP, who is completing the analysis for the rate study for support, which may help in the grant process. Tighe and Bond to work on any USDA funding assistance also.
Aaron Williams made a motion to approve the Bull Hill Road Production Test Well Project contract with Tighe and Bond. Mary Reilly seconded. All in favor, motion carried. William Prendergast stated he approves of the contract because of the grants and monies that will be available to fund the project.
10. Website update: Cindy Roughley reported that there were 239 visitors to the website in the last month. Mary Reilly to create text for a request to keep fire hydrants clear during the winter months. Cindy Roughley to add this to the home page of the website.
11. Financial policies: Katie Lemanski presented three financial policies for review and approval: Sale of Surplus Property, Risk Management, and Anti-Fraud Policy. Mary Reilly made a motion to approve the policies. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Treasurer's Report: Katie Lemanski reported that there was \$ 162,036.08 in outstanding revenues due this week.
13. Budget items: Katie Lemanski presented a preliminary budget for the Board to review. The Board will review the preliminary budget.
14. Legal issues/Mall billing: Mark Siegars reported that litigation is moving forward and he is waiting for a response.
15. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit update: Mark Siegars stated that the district is waiting for the next payment.
16. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that he has been working on hydrant maintenance and replacing the flags near the hydrants.
17. The date for the next meeting is an evening meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 05, 2026 at the Water District office.
18. Mary Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.