

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

July 11, 2025

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on Friday, July 11, 2025.

**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: Mr. Joseph Alfonso

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

1. The warrant and payroll warrant for June 2025 were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the meeting of June 06, 2025 were reviewed. Aaron Williams made a motion to accept the minutes. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Mr. Joseph Alfonso was present to discuss the recent petition to approve the extension of the water district. He acquired signatures electronically. Will send petition and signatures to Kevin Swail's email. Tighe and Bond to revise estimate for possible USDA loan or grant applications for the project. Once all information is complete, a public meeting will be held to discuss the project with residents.
4. There were no public comments.
5. There were no disputes.
6. Abatements: an abatement request was received for 33 Iroquois Street. It was decided this should be temporary turn off status, which is billed at half rate. Katie Lemanski will mail the signed form back to the property owner with the decision and Collector notified.
7. Question of how long is time period for temporary turn off status. Tabled for the next meeting for further discussion.
8. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 79 visitors to the website in the last 30 days.
9. Treasurer and Collector's report: Katie Lemanski reported that as of June 30, 2025 there was an outstanding balance of \$ 38,057.44 owed to the water district. A check was received for \$ 5,089.10 for the settlement of the PFAS Class Action lawsuit. The last of the lead survey moneys were received. The bill for the cap for the well on Bull Hill Road was received. Waiting for reimbursement from the USDA. The water bills have gone out with the new rates for FY 2026. Tom Scanlon will be coming for the financial audit soon.

10. Federal grants and loans: Mark Siegars reported that the USDA is deciding what part of the Bull Hill Road project they can provide funds for (well, pump house, etc.). There is a possible grant of \$ 75,000 that can be applied for regarding engineering costs for the Miner Road project. Mark Siegars will look into that.
11. Legal issues/mall billing: Still waiting for Eversource to turn power on for Target only so that the water suppression system can be separated from Target and water shut off. Mark Siegars stated that a motion for summary judgement was made with the court. He will verify if a lien has been placed by the water district.
12. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit update: Mark Siegars stated that the accelerated settlement was signed, and as confirmed by Katie Lemanski earlier, \$ 5,089.10 was received.
13. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that maintenance for hydrants continues, painting, and another round of flushing was completed. Shut offs are being completed. A new gate for the Bull Hill Road well area has been ordered.
14. Discussion of the cost of ductile pipe versus PVC pipe for the Miner Road project. The district will continue to use ductile iron pipe at this time.
15. The date for the next regular meeting will be Friday, August 01, 2025.
16. Aaron Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Reilly seconded the motion. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.