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BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

October 03, 2025

20 Bridge Street, 10:00 a.m.

The Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District held its regular meeting at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough, Massachusetts on October 03, 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.

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

1. The warrant and payroll warrant from September were reviewed and signed.
2. The minutes from the regular meeting on September 05, 2025 and the joint meeting with the Town Selectboard on September 08, 2025 were reviewed. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept both minutes. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
3. There were no public comments.
4. There were no disputes.
5. Abatements: the owners at 50 Prospect Street had to have the water shut off due to a fire that destroyed the dwelling and is requesting an abatement. Mary Reilly made a motion to accept the abatement. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Site plan review update: Mark Siegars spoke with Andrew Groff of the Town's planning board about implementing the overlay by-law to protect the watershed. Mark Siegars will check with Mr. Groff to see if that is being implemented now.
7. Miner Road project update: the Town Clerk has pulled the records requested and is printing them. The District will be added to receive the consultant's quarterly reports that include PFAS testing. Mark Siegars and DPW Superintendent Charles Durfee will follow up with the Town's consultant on this matter.
8. Website update: Cindy Roughley stated that there were 87 visitors to the website last month. She will continue to work with Mary Reilly on the redesign. Aaron Williams to send image files to be added to the website.
9. Treasurer's Report: Katie Lemanski reported that as of August 31, 2025 there was \$ 110,553.68 outstanding. Regarding the new meters that were installed this summer using the handheld reader, about 30 meters still in the process to integrate with the accounting program. For now the usage is being tracked manually. Tom is coming to conduct the audit once the reports from Tighe and Bond are completed.
10. Mark Siegars presented a Community Service Agreement with RCAP Solutions, an affiliate of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP). This is a free service

that provides on-site technical assistance and training. They can supply a report showing options for rates and installations of meters.

11. Legal issues/mall billing: Still waiting for Eversource so that water can be shut off at Target. They are waiting on a part. Mark Siegars reported that summary judgement against the mall owners should come by the end of the year.
Discussion of property on Stormview that has two shut offs on one property. Mary Reilly made a motion that the Water District will take no action at this time. Aaron Williams seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Federal grants and loans: Waiting on results of a ten day test at Bull Hill Road well to determine if more funds can be applied for regarding the final construction stage under the WEP grant. Three different tests phases need to be completed. The fall test needs to be done for the final report to the State and for the permit that is needed for the construction of the pump house. Katie Lemanski reported that there is \$ 281,311.02 left in the grant fund from Mass DEP. Tighe and Bond is completing a proposal for a new loan application to USDA to finish the well and for building the pump house.
13. MA Rural Water Association recovery for PFAS class action lawsuit update: still waiting to receive the next check in the settlement.
14. Official letterhead for the Water District: Cindy Roughley will correct old information and send out to the Board for use. Katie Lemanski will send image of faucet to be used on the letterhead.
15. Discussion about general email account for the Water District: the email is info@lvfwd.com and will continue to go to Kevin Swail.
16. Superintendent's report: Kevin Swail reported that regular maintenance continues to be done.
17. Chair William Prendergast suggested a District meeting be held once per quarter in the evenings. Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. was tentatively scheduled. Cindy Roughley will let the Town Clerk know to put this on the Town's calendar.
18. Discussion about recent battery storage units that were proposed to the Town. There is concern about run off of by-products if there was a fire, lack of water and how to supply water to the site. Mark Siegars to send a letter to them about this.
19. Discussion about a new system map. Mark Siegars will check with Tighe and Bond to find out more information.
20. The date for the next regular meeting is Friday, November 07, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the District office.
21. William Prendergast adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.