

**Leyden Selectboard  
Pearl Rhodes Elementary School  
Minutes  
October 6, 2016**

**Selectboard Members Present:** Jeff Neipp, Bill Glabach, Lance Fritz.

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Arlene Bernard, Vern Bernard, Sandy Bernard, Bernadette Bernard, Sid Herron.

Call to order 9:00am.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to accept the minutes of September 22 as written. Approved. Bill abstained; not present at that meeting.

**Special Town Election to Re-Vote Debt Exclusion**

**MOTION:** Lance moved to hold a Special Town Election on November 21, 2016, to re-vote a debt exclusion for costs relating to the buildout of the broadband network. Unanimous.

**Sale of Bernard Property**

Jeff explained that the purpose of the meeting was to find out if Arlene actually wanted to sell the property. It would be a nice addition to Town buildings property. Eventually, the Highway Garage will need to be expanded. Vern mentioned that someone had threatened Arlene with taking the property by Eminent Domaine. He consulted a lawyer and found that it could not be taken by Eminent Domaine. Jeff explained that the comment was certainly not meant as a threat, but to point out that a future Selectboard could use Eminent Domaine. This Selectboard's intention is to purchase the property for a price that is fair to Arlene and to the Town. This Selectboard would never use Eminent Domaine as leverage. It could even end up with neighbors not wanting the property to be owned by the Town. Discussion. Lance suggested that the Town should not pay for an appraisal unless Arlene definitely is interested in selling the property. It was then agreed that Arlene and the family should take time to think about the sale, and let the Selectboard know what they decide.

**Fire Truck Discussion**

Bill suggested that we should reconsider repairing Engine One. It is four-wheel drive, and has automatic transmission. Dan could fix the pump and drop in a new engine for \$10,000 - \$12,000. All agreed that it is worth further discussion with Dan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty