

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes
December 15, 2016**

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

Others Present: Mary Lou Barton, Jerry Lund, David Brooks, Bob Bergeron.

Call to order 9:15am.

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of December 1 as written. Approved.

Town Clerk Position

The Board and Mary Lou Barton discussed the issue surrounding her appointment as Town Clerk. The position must be bonded. Her bond was denied. Town Counsel was asked for advice. They referred the Board to Massachusetts General Laws which state that the Town Clerk must be bonded. Jeff briefly reviewed the law with Mary Lou. A clerk cannot serve without being bonded.

MOTION: Lance moved to declare the Town Clerk position vacant. Unanimous.

Building Needs Study Committee

The Board and Jerry Lund, Committee Chair, discussed the need for more office and storage space at Town Hall. Jeff discussed his vision of what those needs are for the Town. Jerry discussed what has been done in the past, and also the Selectboard's requirements that should be considered and also the costs involved. The Board asked Jerry to spearhead reactivation of the Building Needs Study Committee. Jerry said that he would, and requested that the Board recruit two new members.

Skating Rink at PRES

Mary Lou reported that the skating rink at Avery Field is completed and ready for use. She added that the School has asked permission to use the rink for Physical Education.

Highway Update

Dave reported that the logging on Alexander Road will be done in about a week and a half. He and the Board discussed payment of the Wiggins Hydro-seed and Landscaping invoice. Chair will direct the Accountant to pay the invoice.

Bergeron Property on Brattleboro Rd.

Bob Bergeron requested that the Assessors issue a document for building on Roll Back on Chapter land.

Pole Hearing

The Board discussed an Eversource request for a Pole Hearing for new poles on Old County Rd. (Mid County Rd.). They decided to hold the hearing on Jan. 19, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Selectboard's office

MOTION: Lance moved to hold a pole hearing for new poles on Old County Rd. on January 19, 2017, in the Selectboard's Office at Town Hall. Unanimous.

Broadband Committee/ Crocker Communications Meeting

Lance discussed the Broadband Committee's meeting with Crocker Communications. After discussion, the Board agreed that Bob Ryan should become the principal contact to MBI for Leyden, and that he should have authority to sign non-monetary documents for the Broadband project.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lance Fritz