

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes**

March 3, 2016

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Peggy Sloan (FRCOG), Bob O'Connor (Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs), Dave Brooks.

Call to order 9:30am.

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of February 25. Discussion. Bill moved to amend the motion to accept the minutes of February 25 with minor changes discussed. Lance seconded the motion as amended.

Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Discussion

Peggy Sloan presented a program update and discussed the next steps to be taken. She also presented A Plan for Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation that explains the program, and a proposed Business Plan. The Plan itself is designed to encourage economic development, and is available for review in the Selectboard's Office. The Business Plan accompanies these minutes. An advisory committee was formed to develop this plan that includes a wide representation including municipal officials, foresters, businesses, environmental groups, and conservation organizations. The plan calls for no U.S. Forestry ownership. All lands remain privately owned, but could be conserved.

Next step is to file legislation to create a new model for forest conservation and natural resource based economic development. If the legislation is passed, the Selectboard would then bring to Town Meeting to see if the Town wants to "opt in". So far, meetings with legislators have been positive. The Advisory Committee would like Towns to send a letter to their legislators voicing their support of the Plan. Peggy will send a template letter to Bob.

Highway Dept. Update

Paving Driveway PVRS – Dave reported that Northfield Highway Supervisor called to ask for Leyden's help with paving part of the driveway at Pioneer School. He will be coordinating this effort. He would like Leyden to provide dump trucks and the roller. Discussion. All agreed to join the effort, but to suggest one truck and the roller.

Grader Discussion – Dave and the Board discussed the purchasing of a new grader. Bill suggested taking money from Stabilization to pay for the plow package for the grader. All agreed. After further discussion, the Board agreed to split the cost: \$150,000 from CH 90 funds; \$80,000 from Highway Capital Stabilization; and \$35,000 from Stabilization.

MOTION: Jeff moved to use specs received from John Deere, as soon as Dave receives them, to post and advertise for bid. Lance seconded. Unanimous.

Paving for FY17 – After discussion, Board and Dave agreed to pave Greenfield Road from Town Line to Ed Snow's or about one and half mile.

Winter Maintenance Balance – Dave suggested that any money left over in the FY16 Winter Maintenance account should be transferred to Highway Stabilization. All agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn. Lance seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty