

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes**

April 7, 2016

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Robert Haigh, David Curtis.

Call to order 9:40am.

Minutes

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of March 24 as written. Jeff seconded. Unanimous.

Dispatch Regionalization with Greenfield

Greenfield Police Chief Robert Haigh explained the process of using the Greenfield/Montague Dispatch network. After reviewing the Police calls from 2013 and 2014, he thinks that with the small volume of Leyden calls, their dispatch personnel could easily handle adding Leyden to the network. There would be no cost to Leyden for joining and using the network. This would be a work in progress, so there is no actual deadline for joining. Mutual aid would still be handled by Shelburne Control. Lance mentioned that one of our biggest problems with communications is the dead zones in the hill towns. Chief Haigh said that he's aware of this, and they are working on getting new towers because they are having problems also. After further discussion, Board members in agreement for continuing the process of joining the dispatch network.

Possible Regional Policing – Chief Haigh gave a possible scenario for using Greenfield Police to cover Leyden. They would not want to eliminate State Police involvement. If an agreement was considered, Greenfield would make sure that four full time officers were scheduled for each shift, making one officer always available to respond to Leyden. Leyden's current Police budget would be used as starting point for covering this cost. All part-time Leyden Police Officers would be eliminated. Greenfield's Police Chief would be appointed as Chief for Leyden. All paperwork, such as licensing, would be scheduled by appointment in Greenfield. Any sex offenders would be under surveillance. Any legal paperwork would be handled by the Court Officer. The transition time would be an ongoing process until the agreement is final. There would be no definite timeframe. Selectboard will continue the discussion.

Highway Dept. Update

Grader Posting – The Board and Dave discussed the timing of posting for the new grader. They decided that it should be posted as soon as possible in order to have it delivered by November 2016.

Diesel Usage – The Board suggested setting up a separate line item for diesel fuel. They will discuss this further. Dave will look into using a device to swipe cards to keep track of usage.

Paving – The Board and Dave discussed paving for FY17. They decided to pave one and a half miles of Greenfield Rd. from the Town Line.

Drone Aircraft Resolution

The Board reviewed a proposed Drone Aircraft Resolution for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. They will discuss further at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bill moved to adjourn. Lance seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty