

**Leyden Selectboard**  
**Leyden Town Hall**  
**Minutes**  
August 4, 2016

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

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Dave Brooks.

Call to order 9:38am.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to accept the minutes of July 28 as written. Approved unanimously.

**Meeting Time Change**

Jeff suggested that, since Bill will no longer be driving the school bus, morning meetings begin at 9:00am instead of 9:30am. Discussion. All agreed.

**Highway Dept. Update**

Dave reported that MassDot has Eden Trail listed as Eden Rd. Discussion. The Board told Dave to go ahead and use Eden Rd. for the paperwork.

Cell Phone Usage and Billing. Dave asked the Board about using his cell phone for Town business. He reported that most of his calls during the day are Town business related. He would prefer to not have to carry two cell phones. He asked if the Board would prefer to buy a cell phone for the Highway Dept. business; or, would they agree to pay his current bill every other month. Discussion. The Board agreed to pay half of Dave's monthly cell phone bill, which comes out to sixty-three dollars (\$63.00) a month. Funds will come from Highway Expense. When Dave's current cell phone contract expires, they will consider buying a Town phone for the Highway Dept. Lance suggested that Bob type a memo to Tracey, for Jeff's signature, to explain the decision to pay half of Dave's monthly cell phone bill.

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to reimburse Dave for his monthly cell phone bill, sixty-three dollars (\$63.00), to be deducted from Highway Expense account. Approved unanimously.

Uniforms. Dave reported that UniFirst uniform service contacted him about using their service for uniforms for the Highway Dept. He asked them for their opinion on whether he should consider using them. He explained that his wife is tired of washing his greasy clothes in their home washer. Discussion. The Board said that it was worth looking into and that, as department head, he should make the final decision.

Brattleboro Rd. Project. Dave will be starting on the completion of the Brattleboro Rd. Project in the next couple weeks. Wiggins will come out to hydro-seed when the project is complete. Needs to be hydro-seeded no later than mid-September.

Utility Poles on Gates Rd. Dave reported that Verizon contacted him about setting poles on Gates Rd. He reminded them that the poles are to be set six feet off the road for snow removal. They don't want to have to do that because they don't want to do any tree removal. The representative said that if that is the case, the poles will have to be re-marked. She wants to hold a pole hearing soon. All agreed that Dave should handle the situation the way he feels is best fit for the maintenance of the road.

End of Gates Rd. Dave will have Bill mark off .67 miles from River Rd., to designate the end of the road, and mark with stake. This is about where the silo is.

**PRES Sidewalk Landscaping Project**

The Board discussed the bids for the PRES Sidewalk Landscaping Project.

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to award the PRES Sidewalk Landscaping Project to Erik's Handyman Service for Option One bid of \$3,200.00. Approved unanimously.

After further discussion, the Board decided that the funds should come from the Buildings Maintenance account, and be replenished at STM.

**Fundraiser at Pavilion**

The Board discussed a request to hold a fundraiser at the PRES Pavilion, with beer being served. Bob will e-mail our MIIA representative to see what is required.

**Broadband Committee Responsibilities and Authorities**

Lance distributed a draft of a policy to spell out the responsibilities and authorities of the Broadband Committee and Selectboard with respect to the Broadband buildout. He would like to discuss at next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty