

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes
September 22, 2016**

Selectboard Members Present: Jeff Neipp, Lance Fritz.

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Barbara Wallace, Brian Pelletier, Bob Ryan.

Call to order 6:45pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Jeff moved to accept the minutes of September 15 with an amendment stating that he pointed out that the vote at the ATM, concerning broadband financing, reflected a different model as proposed by WiredWest. That model projected that starting in year four or five of bond payments, the internet subscriptions would fund the payments. Approved unanimously.

Small Bridges and Load Limits

Barbara Wallace addressed the Board with concerns about large trucks loaded with logging equipment crossing the bridge at the northern end of Greenfield Rd. She feels that these large trucks will eventually damage the bridge and the Leyden taxpayers will get stuck with the repair bills. She also mentioned that neither the Dept. of Forestry nor the Assessors could find a forestry plan for the property to be forested. Discussion. Since there are not load limit signs on any bridges, it would be hard to enforce any restrictions.

Leyden Firemen's Association Purchase of Firetruck

Barbara also addressed the Board concerning the firetruck parked on private property on Brattleboro Road. Brian Pelletier explained that the Leyden Firemen's association bought the truck and is in the process of drafting a letter to the Selectboard offering to donate the truck to the Town. He said that if the Town does not accept the truck, then the Association would sell it. Barbara is also concerned that members of the department are also on the Board of Directors of the Association, and that could be an ethics problem. After discussion, the Board felt that Cliff should be included in any further discussion of this matter.

Special Town Meeting

The Board discussed setting a date for the Special Town Meeting. They decided on Monday, November 14 to be the date if FINCOM and Moderator are available. They will have informational meeting before the STM. At the October 27 meeting, they will finalize and sign the warrant.

MOTION: Jeff moved to have a Special Town Election for a debt exclusion, with the revised wording of the debt exclusion ballot voted at the June 23 special election, as follows: "Shall the Town of Leyden be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to fund the Town's share of the costs of construction, installation and maintenance of a broadband network, including the payment of all cost incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town or the Town's Municipal Light Plant, totaling \$1,070,000?" Unanimous.

After further discussion, the Board decided to hold the Special Town Election on Monday, November 21, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty