

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

January 2017

Selectboard Office Hours:
Monday — Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tax Collector:
Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Assessors Office:
Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

Select Board

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays January 5th and 19th at 6:45 PM and January 12th and 26th at 9:00 AM in their office. (Dec. 26th is at PRES.) To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or selectboard@townofleyden.com at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Selectboard at the end of the meeting during the "Citizens' concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting" agenda item time slot.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Tue	Jan 3	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed	Jan 4	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu	Jan 5	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu	Jan 5	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed	Jan 11	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu	Jan 12	6:45 PM	Select Board
Mon	Jan 16	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue	Jan 17	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the
Wed	Jan 18	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors church)
Thu	Jan 19	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu	Jan 26	6:45 PM	Select Board

(Posted Separately) Board of Health (at the Police Station)

Thu, Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings *not* held monthly will also be posted separately. *Note:* Monthly meetings are now posted on the town web site at www.townofleyden.com. Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to the Municipal Assistant. —*Select Board*

Scholarship Awards

The Fred W. Wells Trust is an organization that provides scholarships to students graduating from high school and to those enrolled in college or an advanced educational program. Recipients are selected based on scholarship, need, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from high school college counselors, or from the Leyden Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please note that all applications, recommendation letters and *official* transcripts now need to be postmarked no later than **March 20th, 2017**.

Please call Lois at 774-4092 for further information if needed. —*Thank you, Lois Feldman*

Select Board Office

Happy New Year to everyone in Leyden. The new year begins the budget process for all departments and staff. Each organization will receive its annual request for budget data, so please take the time to review your past year expenditures. Be sure your submission for fiscal year 2017 will meet the requirements of review by the Finance Committee before it comes to our office for approval and for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Some goals that the Select Board will be looking at for the Town are proper public record keeping and finding badly needed additional office space. We'll also be looking for space to establish room to store the historical artifacts of Leyden that have been scattered all over town. We have met with the Historical Commission and with Jerry Lund, Chairman of the Building Needs Committee in the last few weeks. We have some ideas that we would like the Building Needs Committee to work on in the next year that could help us reach those goals. Please submit your name to Bob Hardesty in writing or call the office at 774-4111, Ext. 1, if you would like to take part in working on this study. The first meeting will be held Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM downstairs at Town Hall. Please mark the date on your 2017 calendars.

In the past few weeks our office has had calls and emails regarding forestry work in Leyden. We have asked the Leyden Life staff to include the Right To Farm Bylaw, which was passed at Annual Town Meeting in 2006, in this month's edition. It's a good bylaw that was passed by many rural towns in Franklin County. It reminds us of all the struggles to remain a rural farm town and continue our good life of living in the hills of Leyden.

We are a town of dirt roads and narrow roads and a limited staff of employees to take care of 40 miles of roads. It can be a challenge when it rains in the winter. The dirt roads are like skating rinks, and it takes four hours for the sand truck to repeat this cycle of the roadway. Please be extra careful on winter roads. If someone is blocking the roadway, call 911 if you can, or put your flashers on and go to a neighboring house and call 911. Highway Supervisor David Brooks is well aware of the travels of milk trucks, logging trucks, and school busses. His winter schedule is built around preparing the roads for our travel. If you think your road needs additional sand and salt, leave a message at the highway garage at 774-5520 or call the Select Board office and we will make sure David gets the message. Again, be careful out there whether you're driving or enjoying a walk. Give yourself that extra time during stormy weather and enjoy the beauty of the hills of Leyden under Mother Nature's watch.

Remember that salted sand is available at the front of Town Hall for Leyden residents' personal use. Please access your town website at townofleyden.com for additional information regarding town government, meetings, and information.

—*Respectfully yours, Jeff, Bill and Lance*



Town Clerk Office Hours are in flux until a new Clerk is installed.
Call Bob Hardesty at 774-4111, Ext. 1, for information.
Email: townclerk@townofleyden.com

Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 PM, and
Saturday 10:00 AM to NOON Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

The library has been busy! Patrons stockpiled DVDs for their Thanksgiving Day weekend, and lots of children's books related to Christmas and winter have found their way into people's homes. Many new books have arrived, too, so be sure to stop in to look around.

One of my favorite young patrons, Sophie Manewich, visits regularly, and I sometimes have the pleasure of reading a book with her. It's such a joy to see a young reader bloom as she tackles more *and* more difficult words and becomes a fluent reader. What a joy for a retired old teacher!

The window boxes have been transformed into winter greenery with holly from our bushes at home. My teacher pal, Bobbo Bowen, helped to gather the greens and fill the boxes. Shelburne and Northfield greenery adorn the library with good cheer this year.

I'm awaiting news from the PVRSD FEE to learn about the grant proposal I submitted to bring author Jane Buchanan to PRES later this school year to work with Lisa Armstrong's fifth and sixth graders. Keep your fingers crossed!

Now is a great time to donate a gift of money to the library to support our programs for young people. If you can, you will help to make our summer reading program and other endeavors with young people a success.

I wish you a happy 2017, and I invite you to join our growing number of patrons. Why not? Everything is free!

"If you are going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books." Roald Dahl

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life." Henry Ward Beecher
—Chris Johnston

Leyden Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting group will meet on Tuesday, December 11th, 1:00 - 3:00, our usual time for meeting at Town Hall. Contact Amy St. Clair to confirm. (774-6907)

Other knitting times to be determined. Call Peggy (774-5764) or Laura (773-8325) for more information. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting!

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle"

Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.



Leyden Life Lowdown

EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn Asbury at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net. (Yes, please send it to *all three* of us.)

Either attach a Word document or include the information in the body of the e-mail. If e-mail is not possible for you, hard copies of items for *Leyden Life* can be left in the book drop outside the Library. The deadline for inputs is the **15th of the month**.

If you would like to receive the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please email the same three addresses listed above.

THANKS

Thanks to Carol Kuzdeba, Dorothy Howes, the Feldmans, Spirit Fire, Angels' Rest, and Linda Romano for donations and to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman, and Liz Johnson for collating help. Thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help collate and distribute the *Leyden Life* monthly newsletter for those who still want hard copies. It only takes a half-hour or so once a month, and it can be fun and interesting to catch up on the gossip around town.

DISCLAIMER

Leyden Life is not an official publication of the town, nor an official source of town business. We do our best to print accurately and distribute promptly the announcements and information we receive. Please check with the town to verify information regarding town business or activities.

Leyden Life

Published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers.

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Items for the next issue are due to Cornelia at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob at bobxtwo@verizon.net by 5:00 PM on

Sunday, January 15th.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the book drop outside the Library.

Donations are always welcome! Send to:
Leyden Life c/o Reid
30 West Leyden Road
Leyden, MA 01337



The Leyden Café is open
on **Sundays 9:30 AM**
to 12:00 NOON
downstairs at Town Hall.

Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros. coffee.

The Café re-opens on January 8th. We look forward to seeing you there!
—Amy St. Clair



COA Christmas Luncheon diners enjoyed good food and good company.

Broadband Committee

Another Step Closer!

On December 20th, MBI started our “Pole Survey” of an estimated 817 utility poles in town. MBI has hired Osmose Utility Services to actually do the work involved, and we will see people from Osmose around town through the end of January, 2017. (*Hunters beware:* Don’t shoot these guys—they’re nice people, and MBI is paying for them!)

Their pole analysis will give us pictures and GPS coordinates for each utility pole in town, as well as its height, length, street location/number, the electric or telephone company number assigned to it, when it was placed in service, its overall condition and much more.

Once the pole data is complete, we’ll have all the information necessary to submit applications to the utility companies involved, at an approximate cost of \$20,000. The utility companies then have 60 days to get back to us with their cost estimate for relocating existing wires to create a space on each pole for our new fiber optic line. Additionally, the pole data will enable MBI to overlay the GPS coordinates for each pole on a map of Leyden for the design/engineering work to follow.

In the meantime, MBI recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), offering \$19.6 million of state grant monies to private broadband suppliers (Comcast, Charter, etc.) to create an added incentive for these private companies to build out internet networks in Leyden and other towns. MBI expects an answer to that question by mid-January 2017. We will not proceed further with utility company applications and fees (\$20,000) until we know the results of that RFP. To date, the Town and its Broadband Committee have spent no Town monies on the Broadband Project.

The Committee would particularly like to thank MBI’s John Furey and Bill Ennen for implementing the Town’s pole survey exactly on schedule. We also welcome MBI’s final push to try to find an existing company willing to build out Leyden’s broadband network free of cost to the Town.

—Bob Ryan, Chair



Enjoying the COA Christmas Luncheon

WiredWest

For Leyden’s Delegate and Alternate to WiredWest, the monthly WiredWest Board of Director’s meetings have been our best opportunities to learn what is happening in other towns. It’s also when we can report Leyden’s progress toward gaining broadband access for everyone to other towns.

For the last several months WiredWest meetings have been scheduled early in the month, which has given us the opportunity to pass on latest news via Leyden Life. We had expected to be able to do the same this time, but the December WiredWest Board meeting date was changed to December 17th, after the Leyden Life deadline. We expect more details of WiredWest’s plans to compete, to become a regional network operator, may be brought up for approval at this meeting, but you will have to wait for the next Leyden Life to read about it here.

We encourage you to look at the WiredWest website, <http://wiredwest.net/>. David Dvore of Rowe has taken responsibility for organizing and updating the website, and there is much more information there than we can repeat in LeydenLife.

A sad note: we want to recognize here the loss of Glenn Cardinal of Buckland who passed away unexpectedly on November 30th. Glenn represented Buckland at WiredWest and served as a member of the WiredWest Executive Committee. Even after, as a town partially served by cable, Buckland became ineligible to be part of the regional network, Glenn worked tirelessly on behalf of all WiredWest towns. He came out to Leyden several times to assist with WiredWest information meetings, to listen in on meetings with MBI leaders, and to talk with Sheila and me.

—Al

Woodhull and Sheila Hourihan,

Leyden Delegates to WiredWest

WEAVING THE WORLD INTO BEING

HOSTED BY LIZ GRANFORT AND ALLIE MIDDLETON
SPECIAL SOUND MEDITATION BY SUSAN BARNEY

January
13-15



Angles'
Rest

CONNECT WITH WHAT'S NEXT IN YOUR LIFE

Please join us for a restorative winter retreat and deep dive into what's coming in the New Year. Using classical shamanic healing practices, sacred ceremonial robing, music, movement and nature as our inspiration and guides, we will make contact with unfamiliar and forgotten parts of ourselves and uncover what is emerging at this time of the great turning. Come and release what's no longer serving you. Usher in and commit to what's next in your life, and celebrate and share your dreams with others.

Angles' Rest Retreat Center—Special commuter price \$305—liz.granfort@gmail.com
See more information on the full-size flyer included in the e-edition of Leyden Life.

Council on Aging (COA)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Exercise classes with Linda Allis are on vacation for the month of January. Weekly fitness sessions will resume beginning on Tuesday, February 7th at 12:00 NOON upstairs at Town Hall, and will continue on successive Tuesdays. See you then!

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP IN JANUARY:

On Thursday January 5th, the COA will serve a light lunch of soup, salad and sandwiches (or any combination thereof) from 12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM in the Community Room at Town Hall. This lunch will have a sort of 'diner' atmosphere where you can drop in, meet friends and make some new ones, enjoy some good food and then go on your merry way. We will offer chicken soup, garden salad and your choice of roast beef, turkey, ham or cheese sandwiches. Do take a few minutes out of your busy day to enjoy a well-deserved break!

MOVIE NIGHT!! Come and enjoy recent movies on a new big screen and sound system. All this and popcorn too! Join the audience of friends and neighbors. It's free and right here in town. On Friday, January 13th we will screen 'SULLY' (2016) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Tom Hanks stars in this superlative portrayal of airline pilot Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger, reenacting his incredible emergency landing of an Airbus A320 full of passengers on the Hudson River, New York, in 2009. Rated PG-13. All ages are welcome!

THE LEYDEN LUNCH group will meet on Wednesday, January 18th, at 12:00 NOON to 1:30 PM in the Community Room downstairs at Town Hall. Let's commiserate about the weather over a lunch of real home comfort food: Shepherds Pie, Salad and Grapenut Pudding. To make reservations call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 by Monday, January 16th. Let her know if there are special dietary concerns when you call. We are happy to accommodate these needs whenever possible. Start the New Year with old and new friends—good food, good company and the chance to get out of the house for a while!

PAINTING CLASSES WITH ARTIST DAVID SUND will begin on Tuesday, January 24th, and will continue through February 28th, at Town Hall, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. All materials are provided. There is a \$1.00 fee per session which is used to purchase supplies. All experience levels are welcome! David Sund is a member of the Deerfield Valley Arts Association and teaches painting classes at Greenfield and Montague senior centers. His work can be seen at the 11 South Gallery in Bernardston and at Day Lily Gallery in South Deerfield. If making art has been an unfulfilled aspiration, this could be the perfect opportunity to try your hand at painting in an easygoing environment. David uses an individualized open-ended approach to teaching a variety of skill levels. The class is limited to 12 participants, with five spaces remaining. Seniors (age 60+) will have priority. Call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436 to confirm your place.

And now for something completely different. . . The COA welcomes Marilyn Berthelette, award-winning needlewoman, to lead a two-part workshop to create a beautiful stitched piece for Valentine's Day. The classes will be held on Thursday January 26th, and Thursday, February 2nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Community Room downstairs at Town Hall. All materials will be provided. A small donation will be requested to cover some

of the costs. Come and make an heirloom piece for Valentine's Day! (*Snow date: February 9th*.) Marilyn has a diploma in Needlework from the Nantucket School of Needlework, is presently on the Board of the New England Region of the Embroiderers Guild of America, and is a member of the 'Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild'. She has won many Best-of-Show awards and Viewer's Choice awards, and teaches quilting and embroidery.

COMING IN FEBRUARY—AWESOME ASTRONOMY! Leyden resident Robin Symonds, former director of the Hayden Planetarium in Boston and the Bassett Planetarium of Amherst College, has kindly offered to present a program about some of the amazing discoveries made by astronomers in recent years, and how it has changed our way of thinking about the galaxies that surround us. This promises to be a fascinating peek into some of the newly unlocked mysteries of the universe. Don't miss this interesting presentation. Stay tuned for dates and times.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped out at COA events. You are always very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer please call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436, and Thank You! Please note: when school is cancelled owing to inclement weather, there will be no COA events taking place, either. 'Snow dates' will be announced, whenever possible

LEYDEN COUNCIL ON AGING JANUARY CALENDAR

SOUP, SALAD, SANDWICH LUNCH
NEW MONTHLY LUNCH
STARTING THURSDAY, JAN 5th,
AT NOON AT TOWN HALL

MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, JAN 13th, 7PM "SULLY"
TOWN HALL

LEYDEN LUNCH CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JAN 18th
AT NOON AT TOWN HALL

PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH DAVID SUND
TUESDAY, JAN 24th, 1 - 3 PM
AT TOWN HALL

VALENTINE NEEDLEWORK WORKSHOP
WITH MARILYN BERTHELETTE
THURSDAY, JAN 26th & FEB 2nd
2 - 4 PM AT TOWN HALL

EXERCISE WITH LINDA ALLIS
TUESDAYS NOON-1 PM AT TOWN HALL
STARTING FEBRUARY 7th

Unclassified Ads

Unclassified Ads Policy Statement

We welcome unclassified ads from Town residents, and will run them free of charge (though a small donation of \$1 or so is always appreciated). We will normally run an ad for one issue only, unless requested to extend it.

For Sale: 4 studded snow tires Firestone Winterforce 215/65R16, \$100; Green floral wool runner rug 2 ft x 8 ft., \$45; Amaryllis bulbs, potted and can foil wrap for gifting \$3 and up. Call Carol at 413-539-4684.

Free Sofa: Blue sleeper sofa couch: Call Pam at 774-3216. .

For Sale: 4 mud and snow tires on rims, Nokian 195/60 R15 92R XL M&S, call Peggy at 774-5764. \$200 Or Best Offer.

Antique Farm Equipment—Free: Two pieces—old mower and plow. Have been used as lawn décor. Please call Robin Symonds, Alexander Road, cell: 508-340-1264.

Free La-Z-Boy loveseat and couch with floral design. Call Peggy at 774-5764.

For Sale: Brand new Futon couch. Thick feather mattress and sealed blond frame. *Free* natural-colored cover. \$600. Call Leslie at 624-0235 or email enlakesh@verizon.net. *Will deliver.*

Boer Goat Meat is available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat and cholesterol, and high in protein and iron. Give it a try! Visit frizzellhillfarm.com for information and a price list. Thanks for supporting local Leyden farms!

Bill Maguire Painting: Serving the Leyden area’s paint and staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt and mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

Erik’s Handyman Service: Let me help you with your “to do” list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, rototilling, odd jobs, and miscellaneous projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or e-mail to erikshandy1@yahoo.com. Reasonable rates. Insured.

Ed’s Sugar Shack has fresh local maple syrup for sale. Available in gallons, half gallons, quarts and pints. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of Massachusetts Maple Producers Association

Natural Lamb is available again from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones or antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Call 624-5562 or email ovfarm@verizon.net. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

Sweet Morning Farm CSA

We have lots of fresh Leyden-grown spinach and salad this winter, all available at the farm or the Greenfield Winter Farmers’ Market (Sat. 1/7/17 at Four Corners School). You may sign up for our email list about available items or just stop by the farm.

We always have eggs and usually have some Leyden-grown greens as well. The spinach is especially great this winter.

We wish you all the best for a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2017.

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer
Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

laurat@crocker.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

Our CSA blog: <http://sweet-morning-farm-csa.blogspot.com>

Linda Romano

Winter Wellness includes head to toe healing sessions, foot soaks, hot stones, and sauna.

Private yoga, trance dance/chakra dance, free consultations.

Have a Healthy new year! Enjoy!

Linda Romano, 413-624-3334

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romanohealing@gmail.com

Board of Health

The Leyden Board of Health continues to subsidize tick testing.

Tick-borne disease continues to be a very real and serious problem in Massachusetts. The Leyden Board of Health, in conjunction with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, has been able to negotiate reduced-cost basic tick testing. Should you want to get a tick tested (the Board of Health encourages you to do so):

-) Go to Leyden’s website at townofleyden.com
-) Under the **Government** tab, click on **Board of Health**
-) Click the highlighted section at the end of the paragraph that says, “**information on having ticks tested**”
-) Fill out the necessary information
-) You will need a credit card to pay the \$15 fee (rather than the usual \$50 fee)
-) Mail the tick (sealed in a plastic bag) with the **Order Number** assigned to you

—Kathie Benson



COA Christmas Luncheon on December 21st

Town of Leyden
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, May 13, 2006
ARTICLE 25-

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Leyden restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Leyden by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land or water bodies used for the primary purpose of agriculture or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock including horses;
- keeping of horses as an enterprise; and
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratics (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camels (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the town;
- control of pests, including but not limited to insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agritourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereon;
- cattle and livestock crossing roads;
- equestrian riders using town roads;
- slow-moving vehicles used in agricultural activities such as transporting farm products;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and

- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Leyden. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Not later than 21 days after a purchase and sale contract is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists for the purchase or exchange of real property, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessory interest in real property located in the Town of Leyden, the landowner shall present the buyer or occupant with a disclosure notification which states the following:

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include but are not limited to activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances."

A copy of the disclosure notification shall be given on a form prepared by the Town and shall be signed by the buyer prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. A copy of the disclosure notification must be filed with the Agricultural Commission or its designee prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. In addition to the above, a copy of this disclosure notification shall be provided by the Town to landowners each fiscal year by mail or by town newsletter. The seller or the seller's agent is responsible for the notification, and a violation of Section 4 shall be subject to a fine of \$300 and shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen or its designee. The Town is authorized to enforce Section 4 under the non-criminal disposition provision of G.L. c. 40, § 2 ID.

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Leyden hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

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413-219-2005 Cell
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thehouseonthehillbnb.com

Donna & Alain Mollard
OWNERS

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