

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes
March 16, 2017**

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Deana Leblanc, Diana Kocot.

Call to order 9:00am.

Right of First Refusal (Kocot Property)

Diana Kocot addressed the Board concerning “right of first refusal” on land that she and her husband Paul are selling. It was in “chapter”, but that expired a year and a half ago. But within five years of the expiration, the Town has the “Right of First Refusal”. They did not know this. They hope to close on the property on March 31. Discussion. The Board agreed that this land would of no use to the Town.

MOTION: Lance moved that the Town not exercise the option of “right of first refusal” concerning property at 0 Paige Rd., owned by Paul and Diana Kocot. Unanimous.

The Kocots will meet with the Assessors at their next meeting.

PRES Principal’s Update

Jeff reported that he met with Deana and discussed replacing the wall of windows by the school’s front door with a solid wall. Deana said that she would consider that replacement the number one capital project for FY18. After further discussion, it was agreed that the capital project for FY19 would be the roof repair, and upgrading the electrical wiring for FY20. The Board also discussed having a contingency plan for funding unexpected and emergency repairs at the school and other Town buildings. They agreed to budget more for the Building Repairs and Maintenance account. Jeff asked if chain link fencing would be acceptable for the playground. Deana said that chain link would be good so that teachers can see through. Jeff also asked about requirements for water testing. Deana said that monthly tests are required by the State for well based water supplies, and that the recent tests have shown that the water at PRES is safe. Deana also reported that, next year, meals will be prepared at Pioneer School, and servers from each Elementary School will pick up the meals for their respective schools.

Deana and the Board did a walk-through of the building.

ATM Warrant

The Board agreed to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on April 18, 12:00N. They also agreed to have a Special Town Meeting to pay for the deficit spending for the Winter Maintenance account. They agreed to have a Pre-Annual Town Meeting to discuss the warrant with residents on May 1.

Personnel Evaluations

The Board discussed personnel evaluations, and decided to start with Self Evaluations. When these evaluations are complete, they will then have personnel come in for discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty

