

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes
August 10, 2017**

Selectboard Members Present: Lance Fritz, Jeff Neipp.

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Dave Brooks, Richard Bates, Paul Davis (Verizon Representative), Shelby Ashline.

Call to order 9:10am.

Minutes

MOTION: Jeff moved to accept the minutes of July 27 as presented. Unanimous.

Highway Update

Keets Brook Bridge snow plowing. Dave and the Board discussed the problem of plowing the Keets Brook Bridge. Since the bridge is now down to one lane with a three ton load limit, and the Ford F50 one-ton is too heavy, other arrangements need to be made. Dave suggested that maybe Arnold Egloff could plow it when he's doing driveways on Simon Keets Rd. Discussion. Jeff suggested that Dave talk to Dan Sund from MassDOT to see if he would allow the F50 to be used for the plowing. Dave agreed and will talk to Dan Sund.

Northern Tree Service. Dave reported that Northern Tree Service has been working in Town and will return to take the wood from the side of the roads.

POLE HEARING

Pole Hearing was called to order at 9:25am.

Paul Davis explained the reason for the hearing. Verizon will move one pole to allow the Town of Leyden to install a guardrail. Discussion. There were no residents attending that objected to this request. The Board signed the pole request.

Pole Hearing adjourned at 9:50am.

Highway Update (Cont.)

Ten Mile Bridge Repair. Dave reported that the Ten Mile Bridge will be seal coated soon at a cost of \$1150. This will buy us some time to accumulate CH90 funds for resurfacing the bridge, and to get a plan for Keets Brook Bridge.

Vacation. Dave would like to take vacation August 30 thru September 9. Discussion. Vacation was approved. Billy will be here during that period.

Retaining Wall at Yetters. Dave talked to Bill Yetter about repairing the retaining wall that was damaged a while back. Bill is concerned about the drainage from his basement that goes under the road. He wants to make sure that the repairs do not block his drainage pipe. Dave and he will discuss this further when Bill gets back from vacation.

Glen Rd. Repairs. Jeff asked Dave about the repairs to Glen Rd. around the Glen. Dave said he has not heard from Greenfield's DPW Superintendent. Dave will call to see what's happening.

Berm Work Opposite South Cemetery. Dave reported that Bob Snow has stopped by and said he spoke to the Selectboard about widening the berm on Greenfield Rd. opposite South Cemetery to accommodate parking. He asked if anything has been decided. Selectboard said that they need to talk to Carl Johnson, since he owns the property by the right-of-way. They will keep Dave informed.

Fire Hydrant on East Hill Rd. Dave and the Board discussed the access to the fire hydrant on East Hill Rd. They discussed putting in a gravel road from the hydrant out to East Hill Rd. They also discussed moving the hydrant out to ten feet or so off the road. This would require digging a trench and laying pipe. They will all discuss this further with the Fire Department.

Fire Alarm Panel

Bob reported that the Town Hall fire alarm panel's CPU has failed and, since this panel is no longer being made, there are not replacement parts available. Replacement will cost \$2,252.92. Discussion.

MOTION: Jeff moved to replace the Fire Alarm panel, and to use funds from the Building Repair and Maintenance account. Unanimous.

Forge

Jeff said that he would like to meet with Bo Warren to discuss purchasing the Forge. He wants to know if Bo is interested in selling, and if so, what he is thinking of for a purchase price. Lance appointed Jeff to look into purchasing the Forge, and come back to the Board with any proposals.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty