

**Leyden Selectboard  
Leyden Town Hall  
Minutes  
September 11, 2017**

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

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty.

Call to order 7:00pm.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to accept the minutes of August 24 as presented. Unanimous.

**Attorney for Cohen Property**

Bob explained the situation with Cohen eviction proceedings. Roger Reid has not responded to e-mails requesting an update on where we stand with the eviction proceedings. Jeff reported that he called Reid's office and got a message that the phone was no longer in service. Bob has called Larry Farber's office, suggested by Kris and Dawn, to see if he is interested in taking the case. He has not returned the call. Dawn Bloom has offered to speak to him on the Town's behalf. Discussion.

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to contact Dawn Bloom and ask her to act on the Town's behalf to engage Larry Farber to work on the Cohen eviction case. Unanimous.

After further discussion, the Board agreed, that since the Town now owns the property, to have Dan drive up to the property to see if Mr. Cohen is still living there, and to make routine inspections.

**Forge Property**

The Board discussed the possible purchase of the Forge property. They decided to proceed with having the property appraised, and then to continue the discussion. Bob will call an appraiser.

**ZBA – Lack of Members to Establish a Quorum**

Since several members of the ZBA have resigned, there are no longer enough members to hear appeals. There is currently an appeal to be considered. They agreed that the letter they received from the petitioner on June 15, 2017, constitutes an appeal. They are trying to find members to appoint to the ZBA to hear the appeal, but are not having any luck. The Board discussed the fact that almost one hundred days have passed since the appeal was filed. Under Massachusetts General Law, if the ZBA does not act within one hundred days of receiving an appeal, the appeal is deemed granted. The Board agreed that after the one-hundred days since the filing have actually passed, they send a letter to Jim Hawkins at FCCIP saying that they feel that the appeal should be deemed granted. Bob will draft a letter for Lance's signature.

**Special Town Meeting Warrant**

The Board discussed the upcoming November 13 Special Town Meeting, and decided that the warrant should be closed on October 13.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty