

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

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

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Barbara Wallace, Michele Higgins, Susan Howarth, Michele Giarusso, Vicki Baker.

Call to order 7:05pm.

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 2 meeting and made corrections.

MOTION: Lance moved to accept the minutes of October 2 as corrected. Unanimous.

Safety By-Law

Barbara Wallace explained she, along with Michele Higgins and Susan Howarth, are petitioning the Board to put a proposed Safety By-Law on the next Special Town Meeting Warrant. She reported that they have 70 signatures on the petition that the Town Clerk will review to certify that they are registered voters. This by-law is a revised and simplified version of Hunting on Private Property by-law proposed at the May 13 ATM. This revised version is focused on safety. She added that there are only three Environmental Police assigned to Western Massachusetts. Michele reported that she spoke to officials in other Towns, and found that several have similar by-laws. The Board reviewed the proposed by-law. Bill stated that he feels that by-laws should be approved at Annual Town Meetings. Barbara would like the by-law to be presented to the residents before hunting season. Lance said that if the signatures are certified, the by-law article will be on the January 15, 2018 STM Warrant, and that there should be a public informational hearing to discuss the by-law. Barbara agreed, saying that residents should have a chance to voice their opinions and to discuss violations that have happened on their property. Sue added that some people she has spoken to concerning the by-law have stated that they were afraid of repercussions if they did sign the petition. Discussion.

MOTION: Lance moved to hold a public hearing early to mid-December to discuss the proposed by-law. Unanimous.

Electronic Sign

Clint Davis addressed the Board concerning the electronic sign being used to announce Town events. He said that the sign is certainly good for warning of road work and road closures. He feels that when displaying Town events, a better place for the sign would be up the hill at the Glen turn-off. Jeff suggested that at the corner of Greenfield R. and Brattleboro Rd. After further discussion, the Board said that they are committed to moving the sign.

Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

The Board reviewed and discussed the Deerfield Selectboard's letter inviting Leyden to join the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. They all agreed that it would not be advantageous for Leyden to join.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lance moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty