

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Offices Building
Emergency Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2020
10:00 am**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Dan Galvis, Brian Pelletier, Beth Kuzdeba

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 am

Minutes:

Jeff explained he called this meeting to declare a state of emergency for the town following the governor's action of declaring a state of emergency for the State of MA.

Motion: Lance moved to declare a state of emergency for the Town of Leyden and have Jeff as chair sign the declaration. Unanimous.

Discussion

Discussion was the state of emergency will allow the town to set up a separate emergency fund for the town to spend money on whatever is needed. Emergency department heads should keep track of all expenditures for reimbursement from possible and state and federal resources.

Jeff stated that does not mean we need to go out and spend foolishly but at this point we have no idea yet what may be needed or for how long this virus could go on.

He expects emergency personnel will work with each other as team.

Discussion followed on all large gatherings, meetings should be cancelled. No one should be renting town hall for private gatherings. Town Caucus, COA activities and other gatherings should be cancelled.

Jeff asked Dan what the policies are for first responders as he is emergency manager for the town.

Dan stated the policy is if someone calls Shelburne control for a medical emergency which includes difficulty breathing. Shelburne Control will screen the call, tone out our first responders. Our first responders will report the scene and stay 6 feet away from the person while assessing the symptoms. They will then gown and mask to approach the patient. This is a county wide policy. Brian will not get toned out until second call. Selectboard do not want too many people to show up at a call unless necessary to avoid exposure and retain our supply resources of gowns, masks, gloves etc. Both Dan and Brian understand and are listening and following recommendations from MEMA, DPH and county resources.

Beth stated we should be looking out for our elderly citizens. She was hoping to get a list of elderly residents to set up resources. She will be meeting with TRIAD officer next week to get more information about brown bag lunches. She said the BOH is following instructions from our regional health agency the FRCOG. They have been a wealth of information. She stated we should be thinking of how to get food and medicine to people at risk. Beth also stated we should be finding out what Odyssey and Spirit Fire are doing. Michele will call them.

There was also discussion on how we should use RAVE 911. We do not want to get people panicked by too many messages. Michele suggested she could keep the website populated and tell people to go there for info.

Dan stated high risk people (65 and older with preexisting conditions) can call 413-522-3185 or 413-522-3186 if they need food or medicine delivered to them.

There are other people in the community who want to help. We should set up neighbors helping neighbors.

Jeff stated we will probably be continuing to meet for a while. Town meeting 2 months away we may want to put capital items on hold.

Motion: Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Giarusso