

**Leyden Select Board Minutes**  
**Leyden Town Office Building**  
**Regular Session**  
**April 11, 2022**  
**6:00pm**

**Select Board Members Present:** Bill Glabach, Erica Jensen

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, Dave Vreeland, Liz Kidder, Emily Yazwinski, Colleen Caffrey, Meredith Lein, Nancy Edwards, Glenn Caffrey, Barbara Wallace, Sara Seinberg, Katherine Dimatteo, Laura Timmerman, Ginger Robinson, Beth Kuzdeba, Nathan Messer, Nik Adamski, Pam Brown, Annie Garvey, Vanessa Russell, Gary Russell, Elaine Brooks, Mary Glabach, Michele Higgins, John Higgins, David Curtis, Erik Johnson, Gina Johnson, Susan Bobe, Martha, Bob Depalma, Catherine Hurley, The Recorder reporter

Selectboard signed FY 22 warrants and read correspondence.

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

**Motion:** Erica moved to accept the March 14 and March 15, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Erica stated she would like to have more time to read the Mass Dep standard contract before signing.

**Cannabis Delivery to Leyden-** Erica stated Clovercraft Cannabis emailed the town asking if we had any restrictions for delivery of cannabis to the town. Erica explained since Leyden approved Cannabis in this town the state guidelines for delivery are from 8a-9pm.

**Motion:** Erica moved to allow Cannabis delivery to Leyden according to state guidelines between the hours of 8a-9p. Unanimous.

**Board of Health update on Mosquito spraying and other updates** – Beth stated the PFAS water testing program of private wells the state is conducting for free is still available for Leyden residents until April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Mosquito Opt- out program** - the state needs our mosquito plan by May 27<sup>th</sup>. Beth has contacted the state and Senator Comerford’s office to see if the select board can vote the plan on their own or if it must go before a town meeting. She said the wording in the application is a little confusing. She is also trying to receive answers on if we opt out and the governor calls for statewide spraying and sprays our town will we be liable to pay the bill. This could cost several thousands of dollars. She explained the Board of Health will write the plan and welcomes input from all departments in town. She has heard from other towns that highway workers could place dunks in standing water around town but only under a state certified pesticide person. She also noted that other towns have gotten involved with mosquito control by getting involved in the pollinator corridor, but Leyden did not get involved. Deerfield for example is using dragonflies to eat the larvae. Katherine Dimatteo asked how the information can get out to residents in writing explaining the process prior to a public meeting. Beth replied she will bring information to the board and public as she receives it.

**Set date for Executive Session with Dan Galvis to discuss town purchased vehicles and other equipment** – Erica suggested Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5pm for an Executive session, she will check with town counsel. Sara Seinberg asked about Gilda Galvis as Town Clerk and Council on Aging Treasurer. Erica replied she will speak to town counsel. Dave Curtis asked Erica to clarify when she spoke to town counsel if the title of a town owned vehicle can be transferred to a private citizen? Erica replied, no. Nate Messer asked if Erica could describe what would be in an Executive Session and after the meeting how would the select board communicate the outcome to the residents. Barbara Wallace asked Bill about his conversations with Dan so far.

Bill replied he has relayed to Dan what residents are saying. Dave asked for clarification of Dan's stipend from Vermont Yankee, he thinks this money was used as a front for Dan. Bill replied the town did receive money back from the sale of equipment and we do have some good equipment.

**Municipal Assistant update** –Michele asked the select board if it would be okay for her to sign the renewal letter from MIIA since it was in her name.

**Motion:** Bill moved to allow Michele to sign renewal letter, Erica seconded. Unanimous. Erik Johnson asked why it isn't in the select board chair's name. Bill replied select board chair changes each year. Michele stated she called 5 roofing companies for quotes for highway garage roof and two supplied quotes both of whom were within \$300 of each other. Erica would like to wait for one more. Michele stated she had the gas company come and look at where the generator would go for the town hall. They are recommending a 1000-gallon tank on a pad. Installation will cost around \$1000. Michele would like permission to proceed with purchasing and connecting both generators for the town hall and other buildings and the town office building.

**Motion:** Erica moved to purchase generators with installation per quotes through Powers equipment. Bill seconded. Unanimous. Michele reported the mold report came back okay in town hall but in basement in town office building where records are stored it is high. Remediation will include taking out all paper files out of cardboard boxes in the sun and putting them in plastic containers. Company will come out to look at doors that are closed tightly all the time for recommendations on what can be done for airflow as well as for dehumidifiers downstairs in town office building. Michele attended the Western MA MMA Conference on Saturday in Easthampton, MA and learned more about ARPA funds. She asked a question of DLS and they called her today to say we have actually received \$107,000. Michele confirmed with our Treasurer that we did receive these funds and it is not just the \$69,000 Treasurer had previously reported. Michele asked the board to vote for deficit spending for snow and ice.

**Motion:** Bill moved to approve deficit spending for snow and ice removal. Erica seconded. Unanimous.

**Motion:** Erica moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,  
Michele Giarusso  
Municipal Assistant