

**Leyden Select Board Minutes**  
**Leyden Town Office Building**  
**Regular Session**  
**March 28, 2022**  
**6:00pm**

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

**Others Present:** Michele Giarusso, Nik Adamski, Wendy Spofford, Ryan Spofford, Tony Streeter, Joanne ?Gahr..., Jeff Glabach, Erik Johnson, John Higgins, Michele Higgins, Miles Mccloy, Elena Mamas, Jon Miller, Gary Russell, Ginger Robinson, Sara Seinberg, Mary Glabach, Liz Kidder, Barbara Wallace, Beth Kuzdeba, Glenn Caffrey, Robbie Milner, Nathan Messer, Evan Abramson, Dave Curtis, Greenfield Recorder

Selectboard signed FY 22 warrants.

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

**AJ Egloff probationary period-**Bill said AJ is asking if his probationary can be waived so he can take his vacation earlier. Bill stated he has been working for the town part time this past winter plowing. Erica stated the probationary period is stated in the current policies and procedures and she would rather allow AJ to take his vacation earlier. He just has to work with Bill Brooks to take the time off as long as it is documented. Bill agreed.

**Hunt Hill Road discussion-** Erica spoke to Bill Brooks and in his opinion any work to be done on Hunt Hill will cost close to \$100,000. This is for 780 feet from the start down. This is only to make the road passable. Bill stated initially Mr. Penfield said he would pay for the updating. We have several roads in the same state as this one. We stopped maintenance on several roads in 1986 at a town meeting. Jeff Glabach stated it was mentioned before at a meeting, before updating that road properties needed to be surveyed. Carol Kuzdeba asked if there is a full-time residence there? Do you know if the environmental permit was ever obtained? Bill replied we need to have a plan to either maintain these roads or try to abandon them again. Rica stated Mr. Penfield needs to go through the Conservation Commission first as was mentioned earlier. Tony Streeter asked if Chapter 90 money has been coming in for all the dirt roads? If so, once you abandon them you will lose this money. Evan Abramson stated he is representing the Conservation Commission and Mr. Penfield has to submit a request for applicability. Bill replied the only way we will be able to do work for long range planning would be through a grant. We need to work with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board. Evan replied I do not think applying for a grant with no residences along the road is a good idea of our resources. I say the delineate the wetland. Logging has already been permitted on the property. Mile Mccloy asked why should we improve the road just to help him deer hunt? Sara Seinberg asked who told Penfield the town would upgrade the road? Evan mentioned that there is another the logging he forgot to mention. The loggers cannot go over the bridge at the other end between April 1- July 1 due to an endangered bird nesting there. Glen Caffrey stated there are skidder ruts the loggers have left. Bill replied we can tell the loggers they need to restore the road. Evan said now is the time to look at the dirt road bylaw. Erica stated the town definitely spent money on Simons Keets Road and Keets Brook Road almost everyday or every other day after the logging trucks went over it.

**Gravel Road bylaw-** Liz Kidder spoke about the bylaw and how she got this from Shelburne and changed the name to Leyden as an example. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission should weigh in on the bylaw before going to town meeting. Jeff Glabach said I see where some

of these roads may need to be upgraded just to have another way out. I remember when a tree went down on East Hill and we could not get out until the tree was removed.

**Town sign-** Erica stated she was thinking previously that maybe we could give the sign up but after the MVP meeting, she has changed her mind. The sign is solar powered which is a plus it does provide information to residents and we just need a process to get more people access to use. She had a surveyor look at the map of where it sits and it is smack dab in the middle of an easement between the Galvis's property and the town of Greenfield property. It is on a 12-foot easement. Nonemergency and emergency messaging is what it should be used for but have a process and policies and procedures to get messaging on. Erica asked Bill if he wants to leave the sign there or move. After discussion Bill said he is ok with leaving the sign where it currently is. Erica said the Municipal Assistant should know how to use as well as John and whomever else we decide needs to know how to use. You can now discuss with Dan.

**LESO equipment and other unaccounted for equipment-**Erica stated the LESO equipment has been returned, she has been in contact with the program director but she could not affirm. She should know within a couple of days. Shipping costs were \$2400. Dave Curtis asked if this equipment had any benefit to the town for the \$2400 it cost us to ship back. Bill said yes, he thinks so. Ginger Robinson asked Bill if he has any information on the utility trailers she has been asking about and if he had a chance to look over the spreadsheet she sent previously before the meeting. Michele stated she printed out for the select board. Bill asked Ginger if she wanted to wait until the Galvis's returned to receive answers to these questions. Ginger replied, I have waited long enough it has been months. Ginger continued she has researched equipment that was sold on Auctions International, and some money was returned to the town and some she cannot account for. Specifically, a bobcat, 1985 AM general Dump Truck. One dump truck had DJ Auto on the door and this truck she found was titled to Dan Galvis. It does look like this originally belonged to the town. Another truck a 1991 Ford 800 the town does not have, I cannot find it anywhere. Where is it? I want answers to these questions. Dave Curtis stated this truck was sold to the Leyden Police department. Dave asked where did the money come from to purchase this? Ginger replied from Vermont Yankee money. Dave said he was able to research this truck and it was title one year ago to Dan Galvis. Dave has the same VIN number. He asked as a resident I want to know who signed that title over to Dan Galvis? Erica stated according to our town counsel you cannot change a title form the town to a private person. Ginger stated if I do not receive the answers within 1 week, I am going with this information to the District Attorney's office. I have been asking for answers to my questions for months and I have not received anything back. Beth Kuzdeba asked Bill since he has said he will speak to Dan multiple times what has he learned? The town has not received answers. Bill replied I will look into this, it sounds like we are on the border of making accusations without the person here. I am going to limit this. Erica stated next steps is for Bill to speak to Dan and have Dan come to our next meeting.

**Municipal Assistant update** –Michele said residents calling her about large pieces of furniture that has been dumped on the side of the road. She called Bill Brooks is this who she should be calling. Erica said Bill Brooks did remove the freezer along Keets Brook

and okay to call highway department they have the means to remove. Michele stated Filming company came to day to Leyden to ask her questions about renting the town hall. They plan on filming in front of the Methodist church (they have been talking to them) as well as other residents' property where they would like to film. They have already contacted the residents and received permission. The plan is to film April 12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> subject to change. Erica stated she has experience with this and will work with Michele to come up with a fee for using town resources. As Michele was reconciling the Cares Act money, she came upon through the accountant over \$5,000 that had already been spent but never given to her to put through the Cares Act for reimbursement. It looks like the previous accountant set up this account. This was not in this year's budget so this will have to be paid through a Special Town Meeting. Michele said there is paperwork to sign to become eligible for money through the State of MA Opioid settlement and for Powers equipment. Bill signed both.

**Public Comment-** Liz Kidder announced the Public Safety Advisory Committee received the full grant of \$187,000. They are excited to begin work.

**Motion:** Bill moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Erica seconded.

Respectively submitted,  
Michele Giarusso  
Municipal Assistant