

Leyden Select Board Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
Regular Session
February 27, 2023
6:00 pm

Select Board Members Present: Katherine DiMatteo, Glenn Caffery, Bill Glabach

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Liz Kidder, Mary Glabach, Reggie Amidon, Ellen Brieling, Mattie Amidon, Jack Golden, Ginger Robinson, Erica Jossen, Beth Kuzdeba, Nik Adamski, Liesel Nygard, Greenfield Recorder reporter remotely, Ken Medvetz, when Planning Board meeting ended James Brodeur, Emily Yazwinski, Sarah Bartholomew, and Warren Facey attended.

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. The Select Board read correspondence file and reviewed and signed FY 23 warrants. Announcement from chair that the meeting was being recorded.

Motion: Katherine moved the February 6th Executive Session meeting minutes. Glenn seconded. Discussion on whether it is appropriate to release yet. Katherine amended her motion to table to check with legal counsel. Unanimous.

Motion: Katherine moved February 13th meeting minutes. Glenn seconded. Glenn amended the motion to change from interim fire chief to acting officer in charge. Unanimous.

Motion: Katherine moved the February 15th minutes. Glenn seconded. Glenn had two amendments: Koby, not Coby. Glenn did not agree to send memo and set up evaluations. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION

Motion: Glenn moved, Katherine second to appoint Sara Seinberg to Cultural Council. Unanimous.

Motion: Katherine moved to sign the Voltrek contract. Glenn second. This this for the electric car charging stations. Unanimous approval.

Public Safety Advisory Committee Report-Liz is proposing to shift funds from renovation of substation to purchase of three digital speed monitors for Leyden and Bernardston. Also possible cameras and a security system for the town office building. DLS was fine with changing what the grant is spent on – all still related to public safety. A letter will need to be sent to DLS explaining the changes. Additional money will be spent for Steve Foley to continue consulting service for developing a recruitment and training plan and assess fire department building. Total cost is the same.

Motion: Katherine moved to reallocate funds within the grant as explained. Glenn seconded. Unanimous.

Special Town Meeting preparation:

-Article 1: Money for conservation: \$2650.00

-Article 2 and 3: Money for Fire Dept: Quick Attack vehicle, get rid of Brush truck. Big tanker will eventually be sold off when configuration for department and equipment needs are finalized, and grants for new, more appropriate vehicles can be submitted.

Three vehicles total for Fire Department. Move \$100,00 from Free Cash. \$50,000 from Fire Dept Stabilization to Fire Dept/EMS Development Account.

-Article 4: discontinuance of a portion of Hunt Hill Road as a private way

-Article 5: discontinuance of a portion of East Hill Road as a private way

Does the discontinuance need a 2/3 or simple majority vote?

Jack asked if a map could be prepared before the meeting to help people understand what is being discontinued.

Abutters will be notified.

-Article 6: Stretch Code, is it really a town bylaw. Town does not have any other bylaws.

-Article 9: solar bylaw, not a Large Scale. Jim will send updated language they just voted on this evening to Michele. 2/3rd vote needed at STM.

Michele will redo articles as amended and have for next meeting, she will ask town counsel to attend the special town meeting and Town Clerk should have the updated voter registration list.

Stretch Code Preparation -March 6pm is the information session. Not sure if we need a hearing. Glenn and Michele to investigate.

Memo to chairs revision to be done at the next working session meeting.

Municipal Assistant update: March 6 reassessment of town buildings by MIIA, could cause insurance to go up.

Building Needs proposal on town office upgrades as top priority; Estimates on insulating crawl space, one for work to be done by the custodian, one for work to be done by a contractor. Qualifies for AARPA money. Do we want to do now? The Select Board would like to wait until we know how much money is left.

HUD rep – March 20th

The laptop came in and will be networked.

Library surplus form – lights without any value. They can dispose of. Form will be filed.

Agenda for Monday, the 6th: Natalie Blais, Donna and Personnel Policy, Memo to Chairs, STM warrant.

Motion: Katherine moved to adjourn at 8:25pm Glenn seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Giarusso

Municipal Assistant