

**TOWN OF LEYDEN**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Special Town Meeting**

**Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:45 PM**

**At Leyden Town Hall - 16 West Leyden Road**

**Moderator:** John “Jack” Golden

**Town Clerk:** George Stephan

**Select Board:** Katherine DiMatteo and Jeffrey Baker

**Finance Committee:** Ginger Robinson (Chair), Carolyn Asbury, Pam Brown, Paul Hake and Nate Messer

**Town Coordinator:** Michele Giarusso

**Counsel:** Donna MacNicol, Esq.

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Select Board on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, delivered and posted by the Constable Juliani, Moderator Jack Golden called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM. In attendance were sixty (60) registered voters and seven (7) guests, Town Counsel, Pioneer Valley Regional School District Superintendent, and Franklin County Technical School Superintendent included.

Prior to addressing the articles on the warrant, the voters rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then provided attendees with time to review the warrant and familiarize themselves with its contents before proceeding.

Additionally, before consideration of the warrant articles, the Moderator requested nominations for a temporary moderator to preside over the article concerning the Broadband budget. As the Moderator serves as the Municipal Light Plant Manager and oversees the Broadband budget, a temporary moderator was needed to avoid a conflict of interest during consideration of that article.

A motion was made by James Brodeur and seconded by Sharon Fontaine to nominate Katherine DiMatteo as temporary moderator.

***The Moderator called for a voice vote. The motion passed unanimously. Katherine DiMatteo was appointed to serve as Temporary Moderator for Article 2.***

**ARTICLE 1 –**

The motion was made by Katherine DiMatteo and seconded James Brodeur to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$19,632.46 to pay prior year’s bills or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Previous Year Vendor Deficits

Colrain Volunteer Ambulance	\$ 1,125.00
Franklin Medical Center (Pharmacy)	566.00
General Insurance (Health)	14,421.31
17% share of health insurance increases for police per the Police Services Advisory Committee	<u>\$ 3,520.15</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,632.46</b>

***The moderator called for a voice vote. The article passed by the required two-thirds majority and was declared adopted unanimously.***

**ARTICLE 2 -**

Prior to the discussion and vote on this article, the Moderator temporarily stepped down from the chair. Katherine DiMatteo served as Moderator for the consideration and vote on the article.

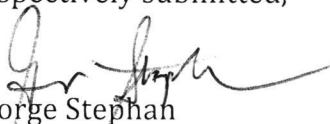
The motion was made by Jack Golden and seconded by Carolyn Asbury to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Broadband Retained Earnings Account the sum of \$4,109.00 to pay prior year's bills or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

***The moderator called for a voice vote. The article, requiring a nine-tenths (9/10) vote for passage, passed unanimously and was declared adopted by the moderator.***

Katherine DiMatteo stepped down as Temporary Moderator, and Jack Golden resumed the chair as Moderator.

The Moderator declared that all articles contained in the warrant had been completed. Sharon Fontaine moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting, and the motion was seconded by Emily Yazwinski. The Moderator called for a vote on the motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Respectively submitted,

  
George Stephan  
Leyden Town Clerk  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026