



## **CAUCUS OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Monday March 23, 2026

Town Offices at 7 Brattleboro Road

28 of 559 Total Voters – 5.01% Voter Turnout

The March 23, 2026, Leyden Town Caucus was called to order at 6:06 PM by Town Clerk George Stephan. This meeting was held pursuant to a warrant signed by the Select Board on March 24, 2026, and posted on March 9, 2026, by Constable Philip Juliani.

Clerk Stephan opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. Katherine DiMatteo was nominated by Erica Jensen, and the nomination was seconded by Michele Giarusso. Ms. DiMatteo accepted the nomination. Clerk Stephan asked for additional nominations; hearing none, a vote was called, and Ms. DiMatteo was unanimously elected chairperson.

Chair DiMatteo then opened the floor for nominations for Caucus Clerk. Vanessa Russell was nominated by Erica Jensen, seconded by Robert DePalma. Ms. Russell accepted the nomination. The Chair asked for additional nominations; hearing none, a vote was called, and Ms. Russell was unanimously elected caucus clerk.

Chair DiMatteo then opened the floor for nominations for town offices. The following individuals received a nomination and a second and either accepted or were absent:

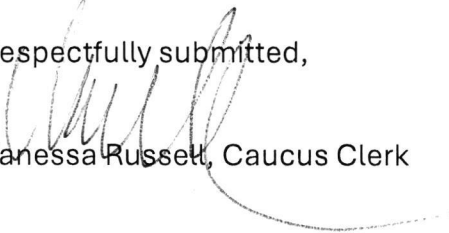
Board of Health (3-year term)	Craig Ryan (nomination accepted)
Constable (3-year term)	Gary Russel (nomination accepted)
Library Trustee (3-year term)	Thomas Raffensperger (nomination accepted)
Moderator (1-year term)	John Golden (absent, nomination accepted in advance by signed letter)
Planning Board (5-year term)	Emily Yazwinski (nomination accepted)
Select Board (3-year term)	Erica Jensen (nomination accepted)
Select Board (3-year term)	Craig Ryan (nomination accepted)
Tree Warden (1-year term)	William Brooks (nomination accepted)

For the Board of Health, Beth Kuzdeba was nominated but declined the nomination. For each open seat with an accepted nomination, the Chair called for further nominations; hearing none, nominations were closed, and a vote was taken on each seat individually. Each nominee was approved by unanimous vote.

Having received the most votes for their respective offices, all nominees were declared official caucus nominees for the 2026 Annual Town Election ballot, pending acceptance. Nominees must indicate acceptance by Friday, March 27, 2026, to appear on the ballot.

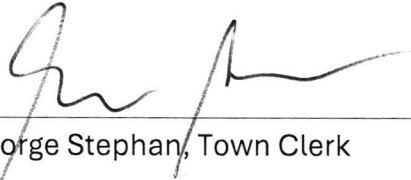
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the caucus at 7:01 PM and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Russell, Caucus Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:



George Stephan, Town Clerk

Date: 30 MARCH 2026