

THIS MEETING IS FOR YOU! PUBLIC SAFETY IS A TEAM SPORT AND WE NEED YOU ON OUR TEAM

Please come to listen and ask your questions about

POLICE REFORM AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES IN LEYDEN

Wednesday, May 4th 6:30 pm

Town Hall

LEYDEN PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We would like to update you on progress being made by the Leyden Public Safety Advisory Committee on your behalf. An evolving public safety environment, changes in the demand for services, and the recently passed Police Reform Act have all created many challenges for small towns in rural Massachusetts, including Leyden. Our committee was created by the Selectboard and we want to share what we have learned so far and hear what you have to say.

Leyden has received an *Efficiency and Regionalization Grant (ERG) from the State for \$187,000*. This grant, has enabled the Town to engage the services of the Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management to conduct a feasibility study of alternatives for all four aspects of public safety that are overseen by the Selectboard: Police, Fire, Emergency Medical and Emergency Management.

1. The Collins Center will introduce their team and present their plans for conducting the public safety feasibility study over the next year,
2. There will be a discussion on the impact of the Police Reform Act on small town police departments,
3. Our Committee will present an update on our progress to-date on long-range planning for police services.

Public safety is a critical part of our town and due to the impact of state reforms and changes within the town, we are at a point of transformation. Please come and be part of the process.