



TOWN OF LEYDEN

Meeting Agenda

Board of Health

Location: Leyden Town Hall – 16 West Leyden Road

Date: September 10, 2026

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Forum: In-person (no zoom)

Agenda:

Call to order

In attendance

New Topics:

Attorney Mike Hugo, Director of Strategies and Government Relations at the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB), to give a presentation on:

- battery energy storage systems (BESS), with the new state regulations set to go into effect on October 1,
- the Board of Health's role in local permitting and Energy Facilities Siting Board proceedings,
- opportunities for intervention and funding,
- legal limitations such as state preemption,
- specific concerns involving fire, smoke, PFAS, noise, site safety, emerging technologies, and litigation risk,
- statutory duties and powers of boards of health — including legislative delegation and home-rule authority — as well as enforcement tools involving nuisances, “noisome trades,” and site assignments, plus recent developments in regulating tobacco, kratom, noise, light, and odors, and
- data centers.

Next meeting: October 6, 2026