

Board of Health Agenda
Tuesday September 2, 2025
Meeting to be held at Town Offices at 5pm

1. Review of minutes from 8/5/25
2. Health Agent updates
3. Updates from previous meeting
4. CPR and First Aid updates, ReadyFest
5. 298 River Rd
6. Annual town report
7. Next meeting TBD

WNV - Middlesex Cty - person.
319 Greenfield Rd Doherty - T16 ✓

BESS: Photo Box / First Aid
File of Life CPR / First Aid
DNR / MOLST.
Health Care Proxy.
List of Supplies
for Emergencies.

Leyden Board of Health

Minutes

Date:	September 2, 2025	Time started:	5:03pm
Location:	Leyden Town Offices Room 1		
Present:	Beth K, Devorah V, Marcia M, Randy C		
Minutes submitted by:	Marcia Miller		
Absent:	Kurt S		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS
Minutes	Motion to accept as written; Marcia 1, Devorah 2, all in favor		
CPHS Updates	<p>With added workload a second health trainer and inspector are being sought. Only permit for Leyden is 660 Greenfield Rd. Dougherty property requesting Title 5 COVID vaccine questions should be directed to Lisa White for up-to-date information. States vary on vaccine protocols so surrounding states may have opening for vaccines. It is advised to know which vaccine your doctor recommends and ask specific pharmacies for that vaccine.</p>	Randy C Beth K	Devorah will email Lisa W regarding vaccine availability
Updates from previous meeting (old business)	<p>CPHS approved Beth as our primary rep and Devorah as the alternate. The Town Clerk has been designated as our Burial Agent and that form has been sent to the state</p> <p>Ann Garvey from the COA has been looking into doing a class regarding "falls", Beth has offered to help with that if they want.</p> <p>CPR and First Aid class sign ups are on the Leyden town website</p> <p>Beth will set up the BOH booth at Readyfest with help from the board.</p> <p>Orientation class at town offices for all board members on Tuesday Sept 16 at 6:00pm</p> <p>Reviewed Fire Chief's response regarding response times/equipment</p> <p>FRCOG will not be putting out any regulations regarding BESS at this time. The state is working on them.</p>	Beth	

<p>FY25 town reports from BOH due Sept 15th. Marcia will write notes from July 24-Jan 25 and Beth will fill in this year's notes.</p>	
<p>New business</p> <p>298 River Rd: the new owner is looking into putting a detached ADU on the property and has inquired if we know of any septic system there. After looking through folders it</p>	<p>Beth</p> <p>Marcia to send notes soon</p>

From: **Board of Health** boh@townofleyden.com
Subject: **Reserving Town Hall**

Date: **Sep 2, 2025 at 1:42:39 PM**

To: **Michelle Giarusso** TownCoord@townofleyden.com, **Leyden**

Selectboard selectboard@townofleyden.com

Cc: **Board of Health** boh@townofleyden.com,

devorah.vester@gmail.com, Marcia Miller

marcia.miller65@gmail.com

I am requesting use of the upstairs of the Town Hall for

Wednesday, October 22, 2025. 6-8pm. CPR class

Wednesday November 12, 2025. 6-8pm. Basic First Aid

Leyden residents can register for these classes through the webpage in Leyden Life

Thank you

Beth Kuzdeba

Board of Health

We love where we live, we wouldn't live here otherwise. But Leyden presents some challenges. Response time in an emergency is one of them. This is why the Board is sponsoring classes so that we can help each other until the professionals get on site. Brain damage can start after only a few minutes of oxygen deprivation. Cardiac arrest, drowning, and choking are a few ways that oxygen deprivation can occur. The classes are designed for all ages and abilities. They will be open to Leyden residents until September 15, and then if they are not full, we will admit residents from other towns. The two classes are **CPR and First Aid**. The cost to residents is \$25 per class. To register: <https://www.instituteforwildmed.com/cpr-first-aid-leyden>

On another note, Leyden is at moderate risk level because of **West Nile Virus** mosquitoes caught in town. Take appropriate precautions.

The Board of Health will be subsidizing a CPR class and a Basic First Aid class in October and November.

CPR: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 6-8pm First Aid Wednesday, November 12, 2025 from 6-8pm

Cost per resident \$25/class. Board of Health will pay \$10/person to cover total cost of \$35/person. It will be conducted by the Institute for Wild Med, they have done it for us the last two times and are wonderful. We are accepting 15 people/class, so please sign up only if you can definitely attend. If you need/want an official certification, it will be an extra \$15 or you can print a form of completion for free.



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Municipal Resources

Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board Appointments

Leyden Representatives FY26 ● For appointment by the Board of Health

Board of Health Representative

CHECK HERE IF BOH REP & CONTACT INFO ARE SAME AS LAST YEAR →

Rep Name	Maria Miller
E-Mail	marcia.miller65@gmail.com
Street Address	7 Brattleboro Road
City, State, Zip	Leyden, MA 01301
Home phone	
Work phone	
Cell Phone	413.522.2650

Rep Name	Elizabeth Kuzdeba
E-Mail	BOH@townofleyden.com
Street Address	7 Brattleboro Road
City, State, Zip	Leyden, MA 01301
Home phone	413-774-2820
Work phone	413-774-4111 X 1
Cell Phone	413-522-7298

IF A NEW REP IS APPOINTED or EDITS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE FILL IN TABLE BELOW:

Alternate Representative

Any interested person may be an alternate to the board, including BOH members, town administrators & coordinators, select board members, town nurses and so on. They just have to be willing to update the BOH.

CHECK HERE IF ALTERNATE REP & CONTACT INFO ARE SAME AS LAST YEAR →

Rep Name	Michele Giarusso
E-Mail	muniast@townofleyden.com
Street Address	7 Brattleboro Road
City, State, Zip	Leyden, MA 01301
Home phone	(413) 773-7948,
Work phone	(413) 774-4111, Ext. 1
Cell Phone	(413) 687-7935

IF A NEW ALT REP IS APPOINTED or EDITS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE FILL IN TABLE BELOW:

Rep Name	DEROAH VESTER
E-Mail	
Street Address	7 Brattleboro Rd
City, State, Zip	Leyden, MA 01301
Home phone	
Work phone	413-774-4111 X 1
Cell Phone	

Please email form to rboyd@frcog.org , or FAX it to 413-774-3169 as soon as possible, so we may update our files and database and be prepared for the first CPHS Oversight Board Meeting of the new fiscal year, to be

Vitals Information Partnership Electronic Death Registration Board of Health Burial Agent Designation Form

The Board of Health, Board of Selectmen or another city/town official should fill out the following information if the clerk or another party is to be designated as the primary burial agent for the city or town. This document can be scanned and sent via email to vip@state.ma.us, you can fax the signed form to the Registry at 1-617-740-2711, or you can mail the form to:

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics – VIP
ATTN: Hansy Noel
150 Mt. Vernon St.
Dorchester, MA 02125

The LEYDEN Board of Health does not issue burial permits for
City/Town

the municipality. TOWN CLERK is the designated burial
First Name, MI, Last Name

agent for the municipality and can be contacted at the following: 413-774-4111 X3
Telephone number

townclerk@townofleyden.com
Email Address

7 Brattleboro Rd
Address line 1 (PO Box, Street Name, Street Number)

Leyden
City/Town

MA
State

01301
Zip code

Signed,



Signature (if emailed, type in name)

8/26/15
Date

Elizabeth Kuzdeba
Print Name

Chair, Board of Health
Title

LEYDEN LIFE

LEYDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

August 2025

Select Board Report

Dog days of summer have come with hot sun and little rain and might just be with us until September. The Town Office is air conditioned and even when there is not a heat advisory come by and cool off. There is room for you to bring a project, and the Wi-Fi connection is great. You may run into a neighbor or someone in town you don't know yet. This could be the beginning of turning the Town Office into a community center.

Thanks to the 31 citizens that turned out for the **Special Town Meeting** on July 16th. Despite the heat in the Town Hall, all nine articles were discussed – thoroughly and vigorously – and were approved. Thanks to Jack Golden, Town Moderator, for his facilitation of the meeting in which many motions had amendments plus added friendly amendments. Eight of the nine articles were submitted by the Planning Board and represent changes and additions to Leyden's Zoning Bylaws. These will now be sent to the Attorney General for approval.

The Select Board met with Gary Ponce of **Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.** and he reported that there were 33 calls for this past year, one call had only basic life support personnel and needed a paramedic level. Most of our calls have been for falls and they would like to start a falls risk assessment program so people can help themselves, reducing the need to call the ambulance. The Select Board signed a new contract to begin August 7th for one year. The payment will be once per year based on an assessment of 35 calls, an average of two years of actual calls, at a rate of \$330 a call.

Spoke to Annie Gately. 8/26/25
(Select Board Report, continues on page 2)

Health Alert from the Board of Health

The Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District has alerted the Board of Health that a pool of mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile virus in Leyden. The mosquitoes were trapped down by Avery Field and the Pavilion. Please take precautions when outside. Populations most sensitive to the severe symptoms of WNV are older people and those with certain medical conditions. Most people do not develop any symptoms. But if you do, symptoms can range from fever, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea to encephalitis and meningitis. Please alert your medical professional if you have symptoms.

Avoid being outside early in the morning or later at night. Wear an age-appropriate insect repellent. Wear long sleeves and long pants. Repair any screens in your house. Empty any containers in your yard with water.

possible COA BOH collaboration

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office

Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Select Board meetings

Mondays 9am or 5:30 pm

413-774-4111 x1

Selectboard@townofleyden.com

Town Coordinator

Tuesday through Thursday

8:30am to 4:30pm

(413) 774-4111 ext. 1

Fax: (413) 772-0146

towncoord@townofleyden.com

Town Clerk

Mondays: 3:00 - 6:00pm

To make an appointment:

townclerk@townofleyden.com

Tax Collector

Monday: 4:30 - 7:30pm

To make an appointment

taxcollector@townofleyden.com

413-774-4111 ext. 4 (Leave a message)

Assessor's Office

Monday: 4:00-8:00pm

For appointment: 413-774-4111 ext. 2

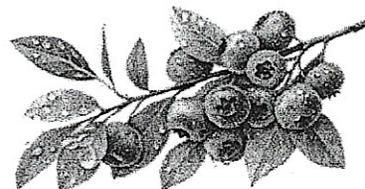
Meetings: Usually 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm

assessors@townofleyden.com

TOWN POST OFFICE ADDRESS

7 Brattleboro Road

Leyden MA 01301



LEYDEN EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

READY FEST

In conjunction with the Heart of Leyden Festival 5k
This is an opportunity to gain
information on ways to be more
prepared for an emergency.

September 28th
10am - 1pm

✓ **Learn**

Multiple departments will
have booths with emergency
preparedness information

**AVERY FIELD
7 BRATTLEBORO RD
LEYDEN**

✓ **Volunteer**

Sign up to become a
neighborhood captain.

✓ **Share**

Spread the word and
raise awareness in our
community

*Learn how to help yourself so you can
then help those around you.*

To contact the Emergency Management Director email:
emergencymgt@townofleyden.com

Stronger together — Ready to go