



TOWN OF LEYDEN

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health

Where: Leyden Town Office, 7 Brattleboro Rd, Leyden, MA

When: March 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm

In Attendance

Members: Beth Kuzdeba, Devorah Vester, Marcia Miller FRCOG: Kurt Schellenberg

Audience: Erica Jenson

Beth called the meeting to order: 5:00 PM

Review of Minutes:

Motion: Marcia moved to approve 2/3/2026 minutes as written

Second: Devorah

Vote: unanimous

BESS Update: Agenda Item 2

BESS Update The comment period for the draft BESS regulations (Form A) is through March 13. The BOH's don't have a lot of input. It usually begins with zoning and planning boards. Conway developed a detailed list of questions for the company proposing the project (Form B) that we can use should we be approached. FRCOG will be monitoring this closely.

CPHS Updates: Agenda Item 3

*Summer Camp Directors were given their preseason presentation informing them of what things must be completed prior to inspections for the season.

*New inspector, JJ Prusak took health agent along while doing inspections regarding tobacco compliance. They were also looking into what forms of Kratom are being sold at stores selling tobacco. Kratom is unregulated; however, it can be very dangerous. Not finding a lot in Greenfield.

*Lots of calls for Title 5's and plan reviews.

*Nurses are gearing up for measles. They are working from a grant to do tabletop exercises.

*Heat Webinar: handouts were given to camp directors with new guidelines. A heat wave is now considered three days in a row of temperatures above 85 degrees.

*Permitting fees have increased.

*There are STR's in Leyden. One at 6 Stephen Lane was approved. One for 174 Kately Hill Rd was denied and one at 168 Kately Hill Rd is awaiting inspections.

*Septic haulers permitted in Leyden are; Greg's, Steve's, Houghton. Bostley's has a regional permit.

Status of Bent Birch: Agenda item 5

Brought up the Dover Act which only affects zoning. They are hosting weddings with catering services only. The Title 5 passed for the amount of bedrooms listed.

Review of BOH regulations: Agenda item 6

Tobacco will be reviewed to see if "pouches" were in there.

Septic and wells are fine.

Review of BOH budget: Agenda item 7

Motion: Marcia made the motion to purchase 20 tick tests

Second: Beth

Vote: unanimous

Old topics:

- 1) No need to fill out form to verify CPHS representative to MAPHCO.
- 2) Hold on any informational meetings regarding nicotine free generation initiative.
- 3) No updates on 581 West Leyden Rd

Beth handed out packets containing information on what and when things need to be done during the year. Each member to look through and come back with questions.

Open space committee has come up with suggestions from their survey. BOH involvement was mentioned in some of them.

Marcia made the motion to adjourn

Second: Devorah

Vote: unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

Next meeting April 7, 2026 5:00 PM

Submitted by: Marcia Miller