

**Town of Leyden Public Safety Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting April 20, 2022**

A duly posted meeting of the Leyden Public Safety Advisory Committee was held in the Leyden Municipal Office Building at 6:32 pm, on April 20, 2022.

Present: Elizabeth Kidder (Chair), Jack Golden, Emily Yazwinski, Barbara Wallace, Michael Morgan, Candace Hope (Alternate), Marcia Miller.

Absent: Anders Ferguson,

Audience: Erik Johnson, Glenn Caffrey, Mary Glabach, Beth Kuzdeba, Bill Glabach, Katherine DiMatteo, Michelle Higgins, Ginger Robinson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.
Review of the minutes of April 6, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022 was made by Emily Yazwinski and seconded by Jack Golden.

VOTE:

Jack Golden: Yes

Emily Yazwinski: Yes

Liz Kidder: Yes

Candace Hope: Yes

Barbara Wallace: Yes

(Michael Morgan joined after the vote)

Leyden Municipal Vulnerability Plan update

- Town is working with FRCOG to develop an LMV & Hazard Mitigation Plan. Review of Community Resilience Building Risk Matrix: Leyden's primary vulnerability relates to roads. The plan should be done by the end of this fiscal year. The town is already addressing a lot of the issues outlined in the matrix, but grants can help cover the expenses so it doesn't all need to be paid for by the town. Some of the tree work that needs to be done could be taken care of by the power or phone companies.
- MVP also looks at societal issues (reverse 911, etc)
- There are some things that overlap with Public Safety
- Discussion of Green Communities grant opportunity, and what benefits we might receive

Efficiency and Regionalization Grant/Interim MOA for Police Services with Bernardston

- There was a meeting with Collins Center & Bernardston
- Collins Center & Donna MacNicol have reviewed the interim MOA and have both approved, the draft is ready to recommend to the Selectboard

- Review of proposed budget: “on call” hours would be the same amount of time (550-600 hours) residents of Bernardston receive. Last month we had 136 hours of coverage.
- 80 hours of dedicated patrol time (officer present in Leyden), with the option to increase in 10 hour increments.
- Current police budget is ~\$75k per year, and the proposed Bernardston budget is ~\$85k/yr
- Collins Center is gathering data on police calls from Shelburne Control and will present findings
- Public Info session will be held May 4th
- In-depth discussion of when the interim agreement should begin. Public Comments: concern about the 30 day termination, suggestion to make it 60 or 90 days. We can ask Donna MacNicol about extending the timeframe for termination. Bill would prefer the interim agreement be six months or a year, without the 30 day termination clause.
- Finance committee needs the MOA signed prior to the close of the warrant so they can know what the budget number is, why it’s there, and what it covers. Warrant closes 2 weeks before Town Meeting (June 6).
- If the selectboard signs the interim agreement by early June, to take effect July 1, it would be in alignment with the needs of the finance committee to get the budget approved at town meeting.
- Bill said he is in agreement with this proposed timeline, pending an adjustment to the termination clause.

Communications - Public Information Meeting May 4th

- Review of proposed announcement, revisions suggested will be incorporated before distribution
- Reviewed outline of the meeting agenda
- Jack volunteered to moderate the session

Fire, EMS, EMD updates, budget needs, historical research

- Fire has been talking with finance about budget, Steven Foley is discussing the possibility of grants
- Someone from MEMA is coming on the 25th to discuss the Emergency Mgmt Plan
- Michael is looking into the fire pond study

Priorities and next steps

- Jack & Emily will develop presentation for May 4th
- Liz and Barbara are working with the MEMA rep
- Liz will work on termination clause for interim agreement

Review Correspondence

Public Comments and other business not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Next meeting: May 4th, at 6:30pm. In person at the town hall. Followed by May 18th.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Wallace and seconded by Michael Morgan.

Vote:

Jack Golden: Yes

Emily Yazwinski: Yes
Barbara Wallace: Yes
Marcia Miller: Yes
Candace Hope: Yes
Liz Kidder: Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Candace Hope

List of documents:

- Community Resilience Building Risk Matrix
- Interim Agreement
- Proposed budget from Bernardston