

**Town of Leyden Public Safety Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting June 01, 2022**

A duly posted meeting of the Leyden Public Safety Advisory Committee was held in the Leyden Town Hall at 6:30 pm, on June 01, 2022.

**Present:** Elizabeth Kidder (Chair), Emily Yazwinski, Barbara Wallace, Candace Hope (Alternate), Anders Ferguson, Marcia Miller

**Absent:** Jack Golden, Michael Morgan.

**Audience:** Anne Zavaruah, Cliff Carlson, Beth Kuzdeba, Kathleen DiMatteo, Ken Medvetz

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

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**Review of Minutes of May 18, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2022 was made by Emily Yazwinski and seconded by Barbara Wallace.

Vote:

Emily Yazwinski: Yes

Barbara Wallace: Yes

Anders Ferguson: Yes

Candace Hope: Yes

Liz Kidder: Yes

Marcia Miller: Yes

**Interim Bernardston MOA for Police Services Transition Updates**

- Review of phone call with Jerry Lund. He wants to make sure people working in public safety know how to use narcan. To be discussed at the next task force meeting.
- Beth: CARES ACT can pay for Narcan training. Ann Z: There's also an online program (Brian Pelletier knows about it). Ensuing discussion about the importance of narcan, and increased public awareness regarding availability.
- Both towns have signed the agreement, it takes effect July 01, 2022.
- Collins Center is meeting with Chief Palmeri to coordinate the transition.
- Request has been made to the Finance Committee for funds to cover transition hours.
- Michelle G. is working on the necessary paperwork (insurance, etc.)
- Kathy DiMatteo: As town moderator, Kathy will be appointing the committee specified in the MOA by July 01, 2022. Liz will be appointed as the community representative.
- Discussion of the importance of Bernardston police being introduced to the community.

**Emergency Management updates**

- Brief mention of upcoming meetings & workshops, which have been emailed to the committee
- Meeting of people interested in being involved with Emergency Management have met, an emergency management plan needs to be developed. EM is also part of the feasibility study so we don't yet know what the recommendations will be.
- Liz is working on getting a meeting with Steve Foley, planning for June 15, 2022.
- Confirmed Shelburne Dispatch has the correct emergency numbers.
- Review of Hawley's Resident Emergency Needs Survey; extensive discussion of how this could work in town. Confidentiality will be important.

- EMD training in Shelburne is coming up, we believe Erica Jensen is planning to attend.

### **Fire and EMS updates**

- Stephen Foley will be the lead on this project.
- Collins Center is also doing a study on ambulance service for Northfield.
- People on the west side of Leyden are concerned about services only coming from the east.
- Fire is coordinating with the EMS group
- Brian estimated 10 hours a week for help with clerical, might be more with EMS
- Brief review of possible budget allocations from finance committee
- Discussion of the need to develop an interim plan for EMS while we wait for feasibility study

### **Public Safety budgets**

- Extensive discussion about how to access funding available to help small towns
- Discussion of the need for a "Public Safety Clerk" to help with the necessary paperwork for fire and EMS. It was noted that the Public Safety Committee is not looking for any funding for its own committee work.
- We will look at budget recommendations from the Finance Committee on June 15, 2022 and prepare to support their Public Safety recommendations at town meeting

### **Priorities and next steps**

- Collecting the contact information for people with disabilities or other physical limitations; people who may need extra help in case of emergency. Barbara will work on developing a survey like Hawley's, Beth (Board of Health) will help.
- Liz will connect with Chief Palmeri
- Steve Foley will come in to discuss EMD
- Brian will work on Fire Dept inventory for Collins Center
- Fire pond study is being digitized by FRCOG

### **Review Correspondence**

Public Comments and other business not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting – nothing presented.

### **Next meeting**

The next Public Safety Meeting is June 15, 2022, 6:30pm at Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Emily Yazwinski and seconded by Anders Ferguson.

Vote:

Emily Yazwinski: Yes

Barbara Wallace: Yes

Candace Hope: Yes

Liz Kidder: Yes

Anders Ferguson: Yes

Marcia Miller: Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Candace Hope

**List of documents:** draft financial committee budget.