

Leyden Selectboard and Broadband Committee
Leyden Town Hall
Minutes
June 8, 2017

Selectboard Members Present: Bill Glabach, Lance Fritz, Jeff Neipp.

Others Present: Bob Hardesty, Tracey Baronas, Dave Brooks.
Call to order 6:50pm.

Fire Chief Appointment

Cliff Spatcher, as he requested at the May 18 BOS meeting, was scheduled to meet with the Selectboard at 6:45pm to discuss what his future plans would be for the Leyden Fire Department. The Selectboard waited until 7:10pm for Cliff to discuss his plans and to appoint a Fire Chief. Cliff did not attend the meeting. The Selectboard further discussed the Fire Chief appointment.

MOTION: Jeff moved that the Board not reappoint Cliff as Fire Chief for Fiscal Year 2018, and to appoint assistant Fire Chief Matt Muka as Fire Chief for the Leyden Fire Department, effective July 1, 2017, for a six month probationary period. Unanimous.

Year-End Transfers

Tracey Baronas, Town Accountant, presented the Board with her recommendations for year-end transfers for accounts that will need extra funds through the end of FY17. A copy of her recommendations accompanies these minutes.

MOTION: Bill moved to accept the transfers as recommended by Tracey. Unanimous.

Highway Dept. Update

Dave updated the Board on the closure of the Keets Brook bridge on Simon Keets Road. The bridge is now down to one eight foot lane, with a load limit of three tons. Discussion. The Board agreed that the bridge should remain open to one-lane traffic. Dave explained the Municipal Small Bridge Program application. He will work with Bob to get it in to MassDOT as soon as possible. He also reported that he will submit CH 90 request for Greenfield Rd. paving. Dave also discussed vacations. Billy will be on vacation June 19 thru June 24. They will both take personal time and holidays June 29 thru July 4. Dave asked about buying back some of his vacation. Discussion. The Board agreed to buy back one week of Dave's vacation time and he will bank three weeks.

Rifle Club Signs/Beaver Pond - Jeff suggested that Dave put signs at Bell and Gates Rd., by the beaver pond, to direct people to the Rifle Club. Lance suggested that one also be placed down at River Rd. Dave agreed to order the signs. Jeff also mentioned that the beaver pond is getting full and is about to come over the road. Dave will take a look at it and see what he can do.

Department Liaisons

The Board discussed department liaisons. Liaisons for FY18 will be: Fire Dept., Jeff; Police Dept., Bill; Highway Dept., Lance.

Police Dept. Update

Dan reported that he has started to put surplus things on MuniBids. He also reported that the radiator on the Impala failed. He has enough in his expense account to pay for the new radiator.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bill moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty