

**Leyden Select Board Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building**

**Regular Session
May 23, 2022
6:00pm**

Select Board Members Present: Bill Glabach, Erica Jensen

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Liz Kidder, Glen Caffrey, Katherine Dimatteo, Ginger Robinson, Nathan Messer, Beth Kuzdeba, Gary Russell, Mary Glabach, Michele Higgins, John Higgins, Erik Johnson, Nik Adamski, Joyce Muka, Susan Bobe, Gilda Galvis, Diedrick Neipp, Domenic Poli The Recorder reporter,

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Selectboard signed FY 22 warrants and read correspondence.

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Motion: Erica moved to accept the May 9 and May 17 meeting minutes as written. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Motion: Erica moved to sign the Gill Engineering proposal for East Hill Road grant project. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Set Rate for Tree Warden and police/fire /traffic department

It looks like Susan and Bill Brooks came up with a rate already as evidenced by warrant. There is already a pay rate in there. This is a yearly stipend position anyways. Traffic detail for police or fire will be the \$50 /hour rate the police have been receiving for road details if fire personnel have the required certifications for road details. Fire department needs to invoice the utility companies the same as police.

John Higgins – John provided a list of items he thinks would benefit the town hall from ARPA funds. He also asked as chair of the Recreation Committee to purchase a sign for Avery Field Recreation Area to be put up near the entrance. The sign would be paid for with Recreation funds. Bill suggested John speak to the planning board about the allowed size. John also reminded the board that they would like money for tables and chairs if this could come out of ARPA funds as well as a onetime article of \$4,000 to purchase equipment for the Recreation Committee for FY23 budget.

Update on Public Safety Advisory Committee – Liz kidder stated Bernardston signed the interim agreement on May 18, she asked the board to sign the interim agreement with Bernardston for police coverage. The agreement goes into effect on July 1, 2022.

Motion: Erica moved to sign the interim agreement. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Liz continued with her update. Her committee is working out a time with Chief Palmeri to come to our police department and look at the contents of the room, change locks on doors and anything else needing to be done. The committee also had a preliminary meeting on Emergency Management. About 10 residents attended the meeting. Steve Foley from the Collins Center will be meeting with our Fire and EMS personnel to discuss the future of Fire/EMS and EMD. June meetings will be June 1 and June 15. The police task force between the two towns will be meeting monthly. Erik Johnson asked Liz what will happen to our police assets? Liz replied at this time everything stays in Leyden.

Options to protect local gravel roads – Erica stated they had a spirited conversation about our roads and Rob Snedeker mentioned Vermont has wight restrictions during

certain times of the year mud season being one of them. Bill Brooks agrees with this concept. Bill Glabach asked Bill Brooks if we have ever experienced any damage to our roads from logging. Bill Brooks replied not since he has been on staff. Bill Glabach asked if the weight restrictions are standard. Bill Brooks will investigate Vermont's weight limits and see if they are standard throughout, he said we already have weight limits on some of our roads. Bill Glabach replied this will be a good start.

Nik Adamski police complaint – Nik stated he has a letter for the board regarding a police complaint. Bill asked Nik if he had spoken to the officer in charge and Nik replied, no. Bill stated he would like Nik to do that first.

Municipal Assistant update –Michele stated a representative for the Town of Greenfield Called and said the dredging of the Leyden Reservoir will begin sometime in June and last several months they are anticipating. If there are any issues Michele has his telephone number. Michele would like the board to vote for her to apply for the One Stop Community Compact grant for the 10-mile bridge.

Motion: Erica moved to have Michele apply to the One Stop Community Compact grant for the 10-mile bridge. Bill seconded. Unanimous.

Daryl Amaral from MassDOT would like to meet with a member of the select board Bill Brooks and Michele to discuss road projects that are on the agenda for Leyden, or any grants applied to or we are planning on applying for. Bill Brooks stated first two weeks in July is preferable for him. EV charging station location may be a problem due to the parallel parking area the grade is greater than 2 % for ADA compliance. Bill suggested putting it across the street near the Broadband hut if possible. Michele asked Bill if he will be writing the Select board report for the Annual report. Bill replied yes, he would hand write up something. Michele shared the reclamation bids that came in for East Hill Road project.

Motion: Bill moved to adjourn at 7:15pm. Erica seconded. Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,
Michele Giarusso
Municipal Assistant