

Leyden Select Board Meeting Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
Regular Session
Monday, June 30, 2025
5:00 pm

Select Board Members Present: Katherine DiMatteo, Erica Jensen, Jeffrey Baker

Others Present: Michele Giarusso, Liz Kidder, Beth Kuzdeba, Ken Medvetz

Erica called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Accept meeting minutes

Motion: Katherine moved the minutes of 6/23/25 with amendments. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Credit Card Policy

Motion: Katherine moved to accept the latest version of the credit card policy dated 6/10/25. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board of Health

Beth explained the Purple Air Sensor air quality monitor and what is needed to install this outside one of the town buildings. Once installed people can go on-line to see what the air quality is on that day and time. Jeff Miller has been tasked with looking where this can go. If no outdoor electrical outlet is found, we will have to hire an electrician to install one.

STM Warrant

Erica rewrote article #1 for the 2/3 vote bylaw. There was discussion on whether to put what she had written on the warrant. Consensus was to reword the article and use what Donan had sent by email.

Motion: Katherine moved to approve the warrant articles as printed and reword article #1 using town counsel's the suggested wording. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Town Coordinator Updates

- Michele spoke to Tony Roselli of Roselli and Clark Auditors. He suggested to audit the FY2024 books since they are closed. He could begin at the end of July early August. If we want to wait for a FY25 audit he could not get to until around April 2026. The board agreed FY2024 is fine.
- Grants-all grants are closed and reconciled; Michele received an email the only thing DER is looking for is a final report.
- Hunt Hill Road-Michele has pictures that Bill Brooks sent her on Hunt Hill and she sent to town counsel. Donna is away until July 8.
- The FRCOG Building Inspector will be inspecting town public buildings tomorrow.
- Michele has spoken to Adams Direct Mail, and they can send out the postcard for the July 31st public forum for the Efficiency and Regionalization grant.
- Ginny Rockwood has agreed to be the constable for the STM.
- Anders Ferguson replied he would like to be reappointed to the MLP advisory board.
- Lisa Lamont would like to attend one of your morning meetings to discuss changes at the Leyden Glen Reservoir area.
- The check from the probation officer has been received from the Dan Galvis case. Michele will deposit in the general fund.

Select Board Updates

- Katherine reported that the E&R Advisory Committee met last Thursday. There was not a quorum present, but Leyden was well represented with Katherine , Liz, Michele and Erica in attendance. Anthony Wilson from the Collins Center also attended and the committee is preparing for a public forum on July 31 at the Farm Table in Bernardston. Postcards will be going out to all residents in both towns inviting them to the forum. Refreshments will be served.
- Katherine met with the Mayor of Greenfield Ginny Desorgher last week. The meeting was very cordial, and they discussed general issues facing the city of Greenfield as well as small towns in the region. They discussed public safety issues and regionalization of services as well as the E&R grant between Leyden and Bernardston. Ginny is very eager to keep open discussions with all surrounding towns.
- Erica reported that the cooling center needs to be staffed by Board of Health members next time as the Select board volunteered this past week. No residents showed up to the cooling center.
 - Hunt Hill Road- water bars have been removed on the statutory private way. Erica received an email from Jeff and Jolene Glabach.in regards to Tony Streeter also working on the road. Tony was moving material around that the highway department gave him. He did not remove any water bars on the public way. There is no issue with what Tony was doing. When town counsel returns from vacation we will have a discussion with her on the water bars.
 - Erica will attend the aggregation hearing remotely on July 16.
 - Erica would like the Green Community sign posted outside.
 - Changing of Bernardston Elementary School sign to Leyden-Bernardston was brought up in a conversation at the E&R grant meeting. Katherine will look into this.

Public Comment

Beth asked what the BOH has to do to ask for town counsel advice. Erica explained to contact Michele, and she can ask the Select Board.

Agenda Planning

- Gary Ponce-Colrain Ambulance quarterly update and contract renewal
- Lisa Lamont-Leyden Glen
- Changing the Bernardston Elementary School; sign.

Motion to adjourn: Katherine moved at 6:18 pm. Jeff seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by: Michele Giarusso