

**Leyden Selectboard
Leyden Town Hall
Regular Session Minutes
July 1, 2019
7:00pm**

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

Others Present: Michele Giarusso

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm

Minutes

Selectboard members reviewed the mail and meeting minutes.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes as printed. Unanimous.

Motion: Lance moved to accept the June 25th meeting minutes as printed. Jeff would like to add those citizen's that were present. Michele Higgins, Bob Ryan, Al Woodhull, Barbara Francis, John Higgins, Kathy Fritz. Unanimous.

Discussion

Discussed letter received from Chris Hersch at Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) setting the 1/12th budget for the PVRSD for FY20. Selectboard do not like the amount but there is nothing that can be done at this point.

Motion: Jeff moved to set a STM for July 22, at 7pm. Unanimous.

Interview for Treasurer's position.

Reviewed Susan Bobe's resume and asked several questions of her intent to be Leyden's Treasurer. She stated she is currently Bernardston's Treasurer so she thinks it would be a nice fit. She is also a resident of Leyden. Jeff mentioned the position is an appointment for 3 years and town meeting has set the annual salary at \$10,300. Susan stated this is acceptable. Jeff mentioned that he is going to ask Kristi to stay on 2 more weeks to help train Susan.

Motion: Lance moved to hire Susan as the Treasurer. Unanimous. There were no other candidates that applied for the position.

Motion: Jeff moved to add another article to the STM. Two week's salary for Kristi to train. Unanimous.

Town counsel appointment. Michele shared information she received after speaking to Leonard Kopelman who charges \$195/ hr, and Donna McNicol \$125/hr. Also discussed KP Law current charge \$150/hr. Selectboard is not pleased with KP Law and how long it takes them to make decisions. Donna McNicol is local and willing to come to BOS meetings if needed.

Motion: Jeff moved to hire Donna McNicol as town counsel for FY20. Unanimous.

Brian Pelletier has asked to take the tanker fire truck to the Shelburne Falls July 4th parade. Lance gave permission.

Michele shared the Sheriff's dept. will be here the week of July 15th to paint the outside of the town hall. They would like us to rent a bucket lift for 1-2 days. Michele to call for pricing. They will start with power washing the outside first. Dave Brooks has agreed they could use the highway's power washer. Personnel policies handed out some suggested changes that need updating. Michele needs to get sworn in as notary at Superior Court and will be going there this week to do. There is a special grant for culverts that Michele could apply for. BOS suggested speaking to Dave Brooks first. If he agrees apply for it.

Adjournment

MOTION: Jeff moved to adjourn at 8:35pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Giarusso

