

**Leyden Selectboard Meeting**  
**Leyden Town Hall**  
**Minutes**  
March 23, 2017

**Selectboard Members Present:** Jeff Neipp, Lance Fritz.

**Others Present:** Bob Hardesty, Dave Brooks.

Call to order 9:10am.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to accept minutes of March 9 and 16 as written. Unanimous.

**Highway Update**

Dave discussed different ways to pave Greenfield Rd. from the Town Line to Ken Lyman's house. He explained that the entire mile and a half should be crack sealed. The lower part is worse, so it could be topped with ½ inch shim, and then the entire section could be micro-surfaced. In that case, the structures would not have to be raised. If the entire project was to be just paved with 2 inch overlay, the road needs to first be milled, and the structures need to be raised. Discussion. The Board agreed that they would like to try the micro-surfacing. Dave added that he feels that doing the Greenfield Rd. project is first priority for FY18 paving. Jeff added that he considers the guardrail project for Brattleboro Rd. a priority also.

Also discussed was the need for repairs for the Ten Mile Bridge. Jeff suggested patching and spraying with sealer for a quick, short term solution. Dave will look into this for future discussion. Lance suggested researching a MassWorks grant.

**Town Audit**

The Board discussed the need for a Town audit. Jeff was told that three consecutive audits are needed to qualify for bond approval. Lance added that we've already been approved for bond through bond counsel. After further discussion, Jeff asked Bob to contact Tom Scanlon at Scanlon Associates for his thoughts and/or recommendations.

**Feasibility Study For Expansion of Shelburne Control Dispatching Services**

The Board discussed a notification from FRCOG that Sheriff Donelan and Chief Haigh are interested in expanding Shelburne Control Dispatching services for Greenfield and maybe Montague. Greenfield would like to apply for a grant to study the feasibility of such an expansion. After discussion, they decided to wait until they receive an actual letter from the Sheriff and Chief explaining the grant and process.

**Insurance Break-Down for Town Budget**

The Board discussed the Accountant's request to consider breaking down the General Insurance line item for the Omnibus budget. Tracey would like to have each insurance item have its own line and account. She explained in an e-mail how this would be done. After discussion, they decided they prefer having one line item for insurance. They feel that if broken down, one account could become short, and funds can't be moved from one account to another.

**Budget Review**

The Board continued to review and revise the budget spreadsheet and warrant. They made several changes and will discuss further with the Finance Committee at the March 30 joint meeting.

**Town Clean-Up Day**

Jeff said that a Town Clean-up day has been organized for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. He suggested that the Town rent a 30 yard dumpster to help in the clean-up efforts. All agreed. Bob will call for delivery of the dumpster.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jeff moved to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hardesty