

TOWN OF LEYDEN



2022 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

2022 Annual Town Report

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DEDICATION

Thank you to all residents who volunteered their time to serve our town



General Information

Town of Leyden Massachusetts

Established March 12, 1784

Incorporated February 22, 1809

Population 2020 Federal Census: 734

United States Senators

Elizabeth A. Warren

Edward J. Markey

Representative in Congress

Richard E. Neal

Governor

Charles Baker

State Senator

Jo Comerford

Representative in General Court

Paul W. Mark

Executive Committee Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Kevin Fox, Chair Council Appointee

Jay DiPucchio, Vice-Chair Regionally Elected

Emily Johnson Franklin Regional Planning Board Appointee

Jane Peirce Regionally Elected

Roxann Wedegartner Council Appointee

Elected Town Officers

Elected Town Officials FY2023

June 27, 2022

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted. Terms expire as of the Annual Town election in the year noted.

Assessors - 3 term	Robert DePalma,	2023
	Kenneth Spatcher	2024
	John Rodgers	2025
Board of Health – 3 year term	Marcia Miller	2024
	Elizabeth Kuzdeba	2025
Board Selectmen - 3 year term	William Glabach	2023
	Glenn Caffery	2024
	Katherine DeMatteo	2025
Constables – 3 year term	Vanessa Russell	2025
	Gary Russell	2023
	Philip Juliani	2024
Library Trustees – 3 year term	Cornelia K. Reid	2023
	Richard DiMatteo	2024
	Carolyn Asbury	2025
Moderator, Annual Term	John Golden	2023

Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee

4 Year Term Elected at the Biennial State
Election

Karen O'Neil 2022

Michele Giarusso 2024

Planning Board -5year term

Warren Facey Jr. 2023

David Curtis 2023

James Brodeur 2025

Emily Yazwinski 2026

Elizabeth Turbergen 2027

Town Clerk – 3 year term

Gilda Galvis 2024

Tree Warden

William Brooks 2023

Selectboard And Moderators Appointments

FY2022 Selectboard Appointments

Appointments are for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021*
(most appointments were made on August 30, 2021 except for Fire and Police departments). This list will be updated from time to time if resignations or appointments are made throughout the year

Terms are for one year and expire as of June 30, 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Accountant – 3 year term

Angelica Desroches2023

Animal Control Officer

Police Department 2022

Agricultural Commission – 3 year term

Warren Facey, Jr.	2023
Tom Ashley	2023
William Glabach	2023
Lynette Snedeker	2024
Carol Kuzdeba	2024
Beth Kuzdeba	2024

Building Needs Study Committee

Jerry Lund, Chair	2022
Barbara Francis	2022
David Vreeland	2022
Randy Ward	2022

Conservation Commission – 3 year term

Richard DiMatteo, Chair	2022
Donald Sadowsky Appointed 1-13-22	2025
Karen O'Neil	2023
Michael Morgan App't 1-13-22 for 2 yrs	2024
Evan Abramson (appointed 4-2021)	2024

Council On Aging

Gilda Galvis	2022
Susan Howarth	2022
Linda Baker	2022

Kathy Fritz	2022
Michele Higgins	2022
Robbie Milner	2022
Linda Allis	2022
Andrea Zimmerman	2022

Cultural Council – 3 year term

Rhonda Wainshilbaum, Chair	2025
Lewis Becker appt'd 1-13-22	2025
Michele Higgins	2023
Cornelia Reid app'd 11/21	2024

Deputy Collector

Arthur Jones	2022
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East Hill Cemetery Commission – 3 Year Term

Lynette Snedeker, Vice Chair	2023
Deborah Bernard, Clerk/Treasurer	2023
Andy Baker	2025
Marylou Barton	2025
Sid Herron	2025
Rob Snedeker	2025

Emergency Management Director

Daniel Galvis	2022
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For FY 23 Fence Viewers

Field Drivers

Fire Department

Brian Pellitier Officer in Charge	2022
Nikolas Adamski	2022
Jacob Louison	2022
Colby Jaymes	2022
Colton Stebbins	2022
Will Hughes	2022

Franklin Regional Council of Governments Member

Michele Giarusso	2022
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Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program Member

Jeffrey Neipp	2022
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Franklin Regional Planning Board Representative

James Brodeur, Planning Board 2022

Franklin Regional Transit Authority Member

William Glabach 2022

Highway Department

David Brooks, Superintendent 2022

William Brooks 2022

Historical Commission – 3 year terms

Linda Allis 2024

Holly Spatcher 2024

Nannette Rolstad 2022

Honorary Members – Historical Commission

Warren Facey, Jr.

Inspector of Barns & Animals

Sean Berthume 2022

Inspector of Buildings**Franklin Regional Council of Gov'ts Inspection Program**

(FRCOGIP) 2022

Local Inspector of Buildings

(FRCOGIP) 2022

Alternate Inspector of Buildings

(FRCOGIP) 2022

Inspector of Plumbing/Gas

(FRCOGIP) 2022

Inspector of Wiring

(FRCOGIP) 2022

Municipal Assistant

Michele Giarusso 2022

Municipal Light Plant

Jack Golden, Manager	2022
Selectboard is acting MLP Board	

Open Space and Recreation Committee - 3 year terms

William Glabach, Selectboard Appt.	2022
Richard Dimatteo, Selectboard Appt.	2022
Robert DePalma, Selectboard Appt.	2022
Donald Clark, Selectboard Appt	2022

Police Department

Michael Aiken, Officer	2022
Michael Caruso, Officer	2022
Charles Brooks	2022
William Salifu-Tex	2022

Pound Keepers

Fred Feldman	2022
Chuck Foley	2022
Dan Galvis	2022

Recreation Committee Appointments

Brian Pelletier	2022
Susan Howarth	2022
John Higgins, Chair	2022
Karin Parks	2022
Ella Muka	2022

Registrars of Voters – 3 year term

Gilda Galvis, Town Clerk	2024
Marie Lovley	2023
Joyce Muka	2023
Mary Lou Barton	2022
Kathleen Fritz	2022
John Higgins	2023
Michele Higgins	2023

Tax Collector – Three year term

Roxanne Zimmerman	2024
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Town Counsel

Donna McNicol 2022

Treasurer – 3 year term

Susan Bobe 2023

Veterans' Agent

Tim Niejadlik 2022

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' District Representative

Jeffrey Neipp 2022

Wells Trust Representative – 5 year term

Lois W. Feldman 2025

Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 year term

Jim Brodeur 2023

Andrew Baker 2023

John Higgins 2024

Cecelia Tusinski 2025

FY2021 MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee – 3 year term

Michele Higgins	2023
Ginger Robinson, Chair	2023
Thomas Raffensberger	2024
Nate Messer	2023
Joyce Muka	2024

Franklin County Technical School Committee – 3 year term

Gerald Levine	2023
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Planning Committee for PVRSD -5 year term

Michele Giarusso	2026
(school committee rep.not town)	
Karen O'Neil	2026
(school committee rep. not town)	

ELECTED BOARDS

BOARD OF HEALTH

Beth Kuzdeba.....	2023
Marcia Miller	2022
Carol Kuzdeba appointed by select board 9-21	2022

2022

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BOARDS
AND OFFICIALS

Selectboard

2022 Annual Town Report

Greetings Citizens of Leyden,

As is customary this report is presented as a summary of the administration of the Town for the calendar year 2022 – a year of change.

We recognize and appreciate Jeff Neipp, who resigned in January, for his long-standing and dedicated service as a Select Board member. We also thank Erica Jensen for stepping up to fill a one-year open seat that ended in June 30, 2022. The election for the open two seats was contested with active campaigns by all candidates, and an impressive turnout of voters resulting in a close election won by Glenn Caffery for the two-year term and Katherine DiMatteo for the three-year term. Appreciation is extended to Erik Johnson and Gary Russell for their willingness to stand and readiness to serve had they been elected.

An intermunicipal one-year agreement was signed between the towns of Leyden and Bernardston for police services. Chief Jim Palmeri and his team began to patrol and answer the policing and social service needs of the Town in July. It was the hard work of the Public Safety Advisory Committee that successfully negotiated this agreement. The committee continued its work towards a more permanent intermunicipal agreement as well as an evaluation of the Fire Department, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medical Services.

Emergency Management Co-directors were named: Erica Jensen and David Pomerantz and a Local Emergency Management Committee was formed of representatives from the Select Board, Highway Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Council on Aging, Finance Committee, Board of Health, Public Safety Advisory Committee, and a new Public Information Officer to develop an Emergency Management Plan to ensure that Leyden is ready to respond as emergencies arise. The Town Hall is designated as Emergency Shelter and the Town Offices as Emergency Operations Center. The Co-directors and committee made it a priority to identify needed equipment and forms of communication to make these shelter locations accessible and effective.

Policies and procedures to provide clarity and consistency to Town operations and decisions, as well as alignment with State law and requirements, were taken up by the Select Board. Procedures completed this year: Surplus Property Disposition, Annual Appointments, Town Hall and Town Common Rental, Password Security and Cash Control. Resources for good governance and legal obligations for members of Leyden

boards, committees, councils, and commissions have also been compiled. All documents are available on the Town website or at the Town Offices.

Amanda Lynch and Dan Campbell were appointed as our temporary Town Clerks to fill the position vacated by Gilda Galvis. We thank Gilda for her service and are grateful for the duties that she was able to fulfil.

We anticipate that there will continue to be work on policies and procedures in 2023, as well as the challenge of managing change and conflicting expectations. However, to balance expectations, the Select Board needs to hear directly from you, not rumors and innuendos. Work with us to make effective decisions that provide efficient use of the Town's resources, and essential services. To be a tiny town in Massachusetts, it takes much effort and the willingness of many to serve. To all those who have volunteered in the past or recently, and to those who give above and beyond in their appointed or elected positions, we are most grateful.

Municipal Assistant

The theme of change continued from 2021 into 2022. A new highway superintendent, new police chief and officers, two new members of the Select board, new committees and members who needed to find out what it means to be a municipal employee. The MA Ethics Commission defines all elected, appointed and volunteers of a municipality as “employees” for Conflict-of-Interest training. New “employees” must also read and prove they have completed the Conflict-of-Interest training, document they have read and will follow the Open Meeting Law and it is highly recommended that anyone serving on a committee read the Inspector General’s guide for members of Public Board’s or Commissions. All documents I am responsible for to make sure each new “employee” completes. It is also a pleasure to welcome new people to town government and share each of our responsibilities as good stewards of town government.

Making sure town government runs smoothly each day, making sure meeting agendas are posted, and meeting minutes are kept was just one focus I had this past year. It heartens me to see how seriously every volunteer in this town has followed the requirements. Change is hard but when embraced together it becomes routine.

There was an uptick in public records requests in 2022. As the public records officer I must comply with all requests and reply with the information within 10 days of receiving the request.

Networking with other communities, our state Representatives and Senators in the legislature is an important part of my position. Having good relationships with their staff helps when we need to count on them for passage of laws and bills.

As I continued writing, managing, and reporting on the progress of grants and making sure I submitted reimbursements and reconciled those reimbursements on time, it became more evident to me that the state legislature and new governor elect embrace grants for road construction and reconstruction as well as grants for climate change efforts, efficiencies in government and conservation. I knew for the past 4 years that receiving grants for the town took the burden off the backs of the taxpayers of Leyden but 2022 proved grants were more important than ever as costs increased in just about every budget line item to operate the town. Increases in amounts we had never seen before as well as record high inflation.

It is also rewarding to see the fruits of the grants I applied for and received. I am pleased the Coates Road Culvert project grant from DER which really ended up being a bridge was completed on time and funded totally by grants. I received more money as costs were skyrocketing. I made a case to DER that additional money was needed and

they were able to give us the extra money due to other grant funded projects across the state that were forfeited due to lack of supplies and significant increases in cost. This was a win for Leyden! The total amount funded by this grant was \$535,000.

The \$48,000 grant I received to add the Tax Collector and Assessors to the same software as the Accountant and Treasurer was also completed in 2022. The financial team is all on the same software. In the future this will become more integrated with better reporting.

Construction began in late fall on East Hill Road with the \$675,000 MassWorks grant I received in late 2021. Priorities were blasting, the completion of a new retaining wall, some road widening, and drainage. Our highway crew did most of the work in conjunction with outside vendors. Construction stopped for the winter and the remaining work will be completed in 2023.

Grants applied for and received in 2022:

\$213,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds-while this was a federal grant to the states, I still had to apply to the US Treasury and fill out a lengthy application. In addition, any funds spent require strict procurement, completing all paperwork, managing, and reporting grant activity to the US Treasury on a quarterly basis.

\$18,000 received for Electric Vehicle Charging stations (EVIP) from MA DEP-one station (2 chargers) will be at the town office building and one station (2 chargers) in front of the town hall.

In 2022 I received MVP status-The Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) was a yearlong project we engaged in with the help of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We had to submit a Community Resilience Building and Hazard Mitigation Plan to the state. We had several community members involved as well as town departments to complete this plan. I can now apply in 2023 for MVP grants. I would like to thank FRCOG for their assistance and the community volunteers who attended our meetings, their input was so valuable.

As it has been throughout my employment all grants I applied for and received had no match from taxpayers and were free and clear to the town.

Respectively,

Michele Giarusso





Board of Assessors

The New Year started out with the Assessors processing abatements for Fiscal Year 2022. As late spring arrived, our office began conducting inspections of building permits and properties on the town's cyclical inspection list. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors to visit every property once every ten years.

In May, John Rodgers was re-elected to the Board for another 3-year term.

Education is very important in the Assessing field as the laws under which we operate continually change. The Board of Assessors is the only elected board that the state requires its members to successfully complete a 30-hour course and examination within one year of taking office. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town's tax rate.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the office granted 1 abatement totaling \$26,900 of value which translated into \$434.17 of tax dollars. Currently, there are no filed Appellate Tax Board cases for 2022. As we inspect properties in town, our property record card accuracy continues to improve which promotes fair and equitable assessments. We encourage all residents to check the information on their property record cards periodically, especially after any building permit or demolition work has been completed.

The Leyden tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023 was \$15.18/per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

The Town of Leyden's parcel count, total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit is as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>% of Value</u>
• Residential [463 parcels]	\$106,883,692	94.8483
• Commercial [168 parcels]	\$ 2,546,071	2.2594
• Industrial [1 parcel]	\$ 243,600	0.2162
• Personal Property [4 accounts]	\$ 3,015,750	2.6761

Total amount of 2023 Property Tax Valuation **\$112,689,113** **100.00%**

The Assessors are working on getting our property cards online which we know will be helpful to residents, appraisers, town departments, attorneys and others since our office has limited office hours.

There are several statutory property tax exemptions for the elderly varying in amounts from \$175 to \$500. Each exemption is based on income guidelines and as economic times become more difficult; our elderly residents are encouraged to contact the Assessors' office to see whether they may qualify. Any information that is provided to qualify for these exemptions is strictly confidential and is not available to the public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans with a service-connected disability.

We want the public to know that assessing is a very complicated field, and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. With that said, our office is available by phone or appointment for any questions on Mondays from 4:00-8:00PM. Our board meets on Mondays typically at 7:00PM in the Assessor's office as needed. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at 774-4111 Ext. 2 or email us assessors@townofleyden.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Spatcher, Chair

Robert Depalma

John Rodgers

Alice Wozniak, MAA & Assistant Assessor

Board of Health

2022 started with Covid-19 still going strong. Zoom meetings, N95 masks, and hand sanitizer were a part of our daily routine. Our small town ended that Year with approximately 59 cases of Covid. Zip Codes made accurate reporting difficult and time consuming. Every member of the Franklin Regional Council of Government (the FRCOG), worked tirelessly to notify Patients, contact trace, advise on isolation and quarantine and set up vaccination clinics. All pharmacies and the Vax Bus became part of the vaccination process. The process evolved as the virus mutated and new strains created. The most effective vaccines worked against the Omicron variant. Our Public Health Nurses, Health Agents, and Epidemiologist did a fantastic job, and we thank them wholeheartedly. The gold standard for testing was the PCR test. The distribution of rapid Covid tests was started with the state and federal governments and continues with the Board of Health. Leyden is a member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS) through the FRCOG. This membership provides us those necessary services. The mask mandate for fully vaccinated individuals was lifted in March, but even today, mask requirements exist.

Because of the pandemic, many quality-of-life issues came to the forefront and exploded. Racial Equity. Health Equity. Mental Health. Isolation and Loneliness.

Substance Use Disorder. Fair, Affordable and Safe Housing -for all. Food Insecurity. Age Friendly Communities, Age Disparity, Dementia and Alzheimer's, and the ability to Age in place in our small rural towns. Economic disparity between men and women. All of these issues affect a person's ability to live a healthy and safe life, especially during a pandemic, The State of Massachusetts through the FRCOG is leading the way with grants and training programs to address these issues in Franklin County.

The Selectboard, upon recommendation from the Board of Health, hired Kyle Dragon to work as our Animal Control Officer. He has the proper training, power to arrest, and can legally dispatch a potentially rabid animal.

The Age Friendly Community Survey became available in January. This survey evaluates communities in Franklin County and North Quabbin. The results will hopefully work to make our communities better places to live for people as they age. It was made available to everyone over 50 years of age and caregivers.

The Board trained with the Attorney General's office to become part of the Neighborhood Renewal Program. This program works with other departments to compile addresses and do a physical inventory of the structures to determine the

overall condition of the home. This program helps to keep abandoned or neglected properties on the tax books.

Leyden voted to opt out of the State aerial mosquito spraying program. A Mosquito Management Plan was drafted by the Board to streamline the process in the future. Leyden belongs to the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. This provides trapping of mosquitoes throughout the summer months to determine if disease carrying species are local. Then we had a very bad drought. There were no human Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) cases in all of Massachusetts and the few West Nile Virus cases were in eastern Massachusetts.

Leyden had a few cases of Lyme disease from ticks. No other tick-borne illnesses were documented in Leyden. The Board subsidizes testing of ticks removed from Leyden residents at www.tickreport.com if you choose to do so.

Beth attended the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards in June. This organization provides updates to all public health members and public health guidelines. It's one of several professional resources to the Board.

If Covid wasn't enough, Monkeypox became another infectious human disease and the Avian Flu started to destroy wild bird and domestic bird populations.

Before the interest rates started to climb, the FRCOG kept extremely busy (busy is an understatement) doing Title 5 inspections, perc tests, soil evaluations, septic/well permits and local upgrade approvals.

Another horrendous effect of the pandemic was an explosion of opioid related deaths. (The Board has a section in the Town Offices devoted to services for individuals and families who are trying to survive through a substance use disorder. Many national drug chains were part of an Opioid Settlement. The small towns did not receive much but perhaps collectively, something can be addressed. Selectboards are actively in this process. Massachusetts is developing resources because the dwindling resources to help became apparent.

The Board assisted our Public Health Nurses in conducting a Flu and COVID vaccination clinic for Leyden residents in November. It was a very successful Clinic.

With the reorganization of Public Safety and Emergency Management, the Board of Health is one of the spokes in these wheels. Policy and procedures are being drawn up to provide much needed guidance to move forward.

The Board of Health has worked this year to also develop a resource room in the Boards and Committees room in the Town Offices. There is information on COVID,

Alzheimer's, women's and men's health, ticks, mosquitoes; rabies (oh my!); smoking, vaping, marijuana, FRTA, hospice and palliative care, ...you get the idea.

If there is a subject not covered and you would like information, let us know.

I would like to thank Carol Kuzdeba who left the 'Board in June and Jerry Lund who joined us in July. would like to thank Marcia Midler who has remained on the Board.

Building Needs Study Committee

The Building Needs Study Committee was recreated in October 2022 by the Select Board to address both the regular maintenance needed to keep the town buildings in good working order and to provide guidance and expertise to the Selectboard in getting major capital improvements done to the town buildings in order to maintain the buildings' structure and integrity.

Our goals are:

- Make the buildings more energy efficient to save on utility bills
- regular maintenance scheduled to minimize major repair costs
- make the buildings more usable to allow the town employees to be more effective and meet their daily needs.
- Recommend major capital upgrades to the town buildings that will replace failing infrastructure at the best possible cost.
- After the town meeting in March 2023 in which the town voted for green community status, we are soliciting building energy auditors and pursuing applications for grant funding to help pay for the buildings increase energy efficiency.

We have toured all the town buildings and have met with several departments to figure out what they will need in order to operate on a daily basis. We have gotten some major improvement estimates on the town offices in order to make that building more energy efficient and up to current code. Other estimates will be received for the other town buildings as well.

We have been prioritizing these estimates to the Select Board and Finance Committee so they can try to get grants to cover some of the costs of these upgrades to save the town's residents taxpayers money.

We want Leyden residents to know that getting the buildings up to code and made as energy efficient as possible will be a long term process.

Our board has been meeting on a monthly basis since October 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Medvetz Chair David Pomerantz

Richard Parks David Vreeland

Council On Aging

Mission Statement: The Leyden Council on Aging (COA) is a senior advocacy group funded by the Town of Leyden and the Massachusetts Dept. of Elder Affairs. Our purpose is to enrich the lives of Leyden residents 60 and older by providing educational and recreational opportunities that promote the physical, social, and mental wellness of our residents and by directing seniors and their families to local and state agencies that will address their personal needs.

As Covid restrictions were lifted, the indoor soup and sandwich luncheons on a monthly basis were renewed and our drive through lunches continued making home deliveries for those who could not come. A total of over 800 meals to seniors were served. These meals were provided from Foster's and various restaurants as a way of supporting local businesses. Our bi-weekly coffees resumed, offering treats and conversation. A potluck luncheon was sponsored as well as the Veterans' Day Breakfast in November to honor their service. Also a Meet and Greet for the Selectboard candidates was organized by the COA.

Our increasingly popular bi-monthly foot care clinics by a certified foot care nurse were continued. Thanks to an increased and very generous grant from the Fred W. Wells Trust Fund, the cost of this program was subsidized, dramatically decreasing the cost to our seniors. Exercise classes returned in the Spring and in the Fall. Blood pressure screenings by FRCOG public health nurses resumed.

Additional programs included a scam/anti-fraud presentation led by a representative from the Greenfield Northampton Cooperative Bank and a Medicare presentation from a LifePath representative. Other programs included a quilting class and a mat braiding class for those interested in crafts.

In conjunction with AARP, LifePath and the Mass Healthy-Aging-for-All Collaborative and thanks to the many Leyden residents who responded to the **Age and Dementia Friendly Survey**, the survey was completed, and study groups are being formed across Franklin county to examine the results.

The COA is most grateful to the many volunteers who have helped with our projects.

Respectfully,

Michèle Higgins, Chair & Secretary

Gilda Galvis, Treasurer

Linda Baker

Kathy Fritz

Andrea Zimmerman

Robbie Milner

Susan Howarth, retired in June

Mary Glabach, joined in September

Linda Allis, Assistant to the COA

Highway Department

Winter:

January 2022 saw no shortage of ice storms, with Leyden' elevation It seems almost every time there was precipitation, when other towns would get rain or snow we would get ice. This made for some challenging travel. We would like to thank all of Leydens residents for their patients and understanding during these challenging commutes.

Aj Egloff joined the highway department Full time and we are excited to have his extensive mechanical knowledge and years of construction experience as part of the Highways' team.

Spring:

We had an easier mud season compared to last year but there were still plenty of spots around town. During our spring grading season which started earlier this year than usual, We ditched along many roads in town. This has multiple benefits but two of the most important are allowing stormwater to make it to the ditch line and off of the roadway and second increasing the usable road width for all vehicles to travel on.

Construction started on East hill as part of a strap grant. With blasting done to remove ledge and widen the road near the radio tower.

Construction started on the stream crossing upgrade on Coats road as part of a culvert replacement grant.

Summer:

Summer was very dry this year and the highway department was busy using the spray truck we built to put down liquid dust control product on the gravel roads

Construction on East hill continued with tree work and design work on a retaining wall.

Construction on Coats road saw a temporary bridge installed and the old makeshift culvert removed. A permanent bridge was constructed by Davenport construction. The project was finished in late summer and has improved the flow of the Glen brook where it crosses Coats road.

Our yearly paving project was a section of Greenfield road in front of the Robertson memorial Library to the intersection of Brattleboro Road near the town office building formerly Pearl Rhodes Elementary School. This work was done by Warner brothers and was funded by chapter 90 for the cost of \$88,000.

Roadside mowing continued as it does every summer during this time, but this year the town did not get to use the second mower that has been part of the community shared mower program funded by the power company because that program has ended. The highway has also been in talks with the conservation commission about the control and spread of the invasive species Japanese knotweed.

Fall:

Construction Ramped up on East hill as the plans for the Retaining wall were finalized and the town took delivery of the blocks. Bob Deane excavating came to town to install the retaining wall which improved visibility and safety in a notoriously narrow section of East hill. Cains Mechanical came with an excavator to help the highway department remove the stumps that were cut by Jim's tree service they also helped with the installation and replacement of culverts along the road as well as cleaning the ditch line, building a new driveway for access to the radio tower and helped on an 1100 foot section of road widening near the north end of the project. The highway department hauled in over 3000 tons of hardpack for improving the traveled roadway. Erosion protection was installed along the newly widened road and preparations for winter began. The equipment was maintained by the Highway department with many repairs and maintenance being done in house saving the town over \$10,000.

The Highway department would like to thank all of Leydens residents for their help notifying us of problem areas throughout town.

A special thanks to Andy Baker, Art Baker, Lance Fritz and Sid Herron during the work on East Hill

A big thanks to Aj Egloff, Erik Johnson, Paul Zimmerman and Dave Brooks for their hard work and dependable service this past year.

William Brooks

Highway Superintendent



Historical Commission

In October 2022 we celebrated the One Year Anniversary of the Leyden Historical Display. Quite an accomplishment, many years in the making.

Since the opening of the Display we have welcomed more than 150 visitors.

Townspeople (past and present) continue to come forward with donations of historic artifacts. We gladly welcome anything of significance to Leyden's past.

Our fundraising continues, selling “merch” including several designs of Leyden tee shirts and “Hills are Alive” tote bags. With the permission of Richard DiMatteo, we now feature note cards made from the more than 20 years of his artwork on town report covers.

The Display will continue to expand and evolve, there is still many more artifacts in storage.

We look forward to plans for community gatherings and recordings of oral history.

Respectfully,

Nanette Rolstad, Chair

Linda Allis, Fund Raising Chair

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Police Report



From The Desk Of

Chief James E. Palmeri

2022 Annual Police Report

I am pleased to submit my first annual report, July through December 2022. I have worked in law enforcement since 1997, and for the Town of Bernardston for over 16 years. I have been the Chief of Police since 2008. My duties are wide ranged, from daily administrative responsibilities to shift patrol. I am responsible for overseeing 365 days of operations for the department. Although this position can be both rewarding and challenging, it has been uniquely demanding the last couple years as we continue to integrate major police reform in Massachusetts. Some ongoing challenges will continue for the next couple years, as we strive to get our part-time officers through the 200 hour Bridge Academy, to stay certified. We have two more officers that will attend the 200 hour Bridge Academy in 2023 and are unfortunately set to lose two other part-time officers in June 2023, as they are unable to attend this requirement.

A little history...In June, we started a regional co-response program through the Department of Mental Health. This program partners a behavioral health clinician with a police officer to respond to all types of calls. This regional co-response program is shared among the following towns; Erving, Gill, Leverett, Northfield and Warwick. The program is grant funded for forty hours a week and equally scheduled with the listed community's police departments. Since its start, this program has shown to be very valuable and much needed.

In July and after operating for thirty years with three fulltime officers, we welcomed the addition of a fourth fulltime officer, Thomas Chabot, to the department. Officer Chabot comes to the Town with a vast amount of knowledge. He graduated from the fulltime police academy in 2018 and was employed by the Town of Hadley Police Department. During Tom's time there, he was promoted to a shift supervisor, sergeant position. In late 2021, Tom gave up that career for a better family life, as he was on the overnight

shift, and it conflicted with his family obligations. Tom left fulltime law enforcement for several months until he applied with us in mid 2022. For the last several months, Tom has proven to be a valuable and positive addition to our team. I am grateful Bernardston supported this significantly needed position. As one could imagine, the duties of the police chief thirty years ago were much less demanding then they are today.

On July 1, 2022, we officially took over police duties for the Town of Leyden. There were several months of work that went into this short-term merger agreement and has since continued into an outlined long-term agreement. To date, this has proven to be a positive merger and hope it continues. Since the start, we've patrolled the town for approximately 581 hours and been available to respond for approximately 3,150 hours.

LEYDEN 6-Months Statistics-2022

Animal Services – 12	Assists Citizen/Motorists – 26	911 Calls – 8
Community Policing – 14	CSO Interactions – 5	Medical Emergencies – 17
MV Accidents – 3	Motor Vehicle Stops – 33	Suspicious Activity – 14
Traffic Enforcement – 49	Traffic/Safety Hazards – 27	

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DEPARTMENT ROSTER

James Palmeri - Chief of Police	Darren Gale - Officer
John Richardson - Sergeant	Mike Kelly - Officer
Curtis Weaver – Officer	Mitchell Waldron - Officer
Thomas Chabot - Officer	Jordan Zukowski – Officer

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Please remember to visit the department's website; www.townofbernardston.org Click on Police Department and you will find links that may interest you. You can also *like* us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is for daily warning and alerts, or special events.

If you ever have a question or concern, please feel free to stop by the station to speak with an officer or email me directly at police@townofbernardston.org

Respectfully submitted,

Chief James E. Palmeri



Planning Board

Members: Chairman James Brodeur, Clerk Elizabeth Tubergen, Warren Facey, David Curtis, Emily Yazwinski

The year 2022 was again reasonably quiet for the Planning Board.

A new Zoning Bylaw was formulated late in 2022 for large and small scale solar installations, in order to comply with one of the requirements of the Green Communities Act. A Public Hearing was held on March 1, at which no objections were raised that were not already covered in the requirements of the bylaw being proposed. At the Annual Town Meeting the Planning Board recommended tabling the article per advice from Town Counsel.

Two Approval-Not-Required plans were signed by the Board, one for a new house lot at Greenfield/Cobbs Roads, and another for land annexed to an existing lot at 604 Greenfield Road for a new barn/garage.

Two Special Permits were approved by the Board via the hearing process, one for an addition to an existing non-conforming workshop close to the side property line at 115 George Lamb Road, and another for a new barn/garage to be constructed at 604 Greenfield Road within 30 feet of the right-of-way line of Kately Hill Road. There were no objections by anyone at either public hearing.

A new organization, Kibilio, buying the former Spirit Fire Retreat on West Leyden Road, met with the Board to explain their purpose, that of a non-profit educational/residential organization “rooted in Black and Queer land sovereignty.” Town Counsel agreed with Kibilio’s attorney that no Special Permit was required because of the certification by the State of non-profit/educational status.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brodeur, Chairman

Leyden Zoning Board of Appeals

There were no applications for variances or appeals this year, and therefore there were no ZBA meetings scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

James Brodeur, Chairman

Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee

Leyden's Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee (PSCAC) held its first meeting on December 9, 2021. Over the past year our committee held 18 meetings discussing Leyden's Fire, Emergency Medical Response, Emergency Management, and Police services while preparing recommendations for the Leyden Selectboard.

We prepared a grant application in January, seeking a state Compact Grant for an Efficiency and Regionalization Grant (ERG). Leyden was awarded a grant for \$187,000 that has allowed Leyden to hire the consulting services of the Edward J. Collins Center of UMass Boston. The focus of this grant was to have the Collins Center conduct feasibility studies relative to all aspects of Leyden's Public Safety Departments and to help negotiate an Intermunicipal Agreement for Police Services with the Town of Bernardston. This grant will run through September 2023.

The Bernardston Leyden Police Task Force was formed and started holding meetings with the assistance of the Collins Center consultant Michael Edwards. In early June, an Interim agreement for police services was signed by both the Leyden and Bernardston Select Boards. Starting July 1, 2022, Leyden started receiving full and professional services from the Bernardston Police Department (BPD). These services included both on-call response and patrolling. BPD and its Chief, James Palmeri, exemplify how Community Policing should be carried out.

Leyden was represented on the task force by Bill Glabach, for the Select Board, Ginger Robinson and Michele Higgins for the Finance Committee, and Liz Kidder, Chair of Leyden's PSCAC who serves as the citizen representative appointed by the Town Moderator. Liz was elected chair of the Task Force which met monthly during the fall working on a long-term agreement with our consultants and reviewing the transition to the BPD as they provided police services to Leyden.

The Leyden Fire Department was reviewed with the assistance of our Collins Center consultant, Stephen Foley. Mr. Foley met with Leyden's Fire Chief and reviewed our equipment and emergency response vehicles. He also talked to our neighboring fire chiefs with whom our fire fighters respond through mutual aid to fires both in Leyden and in the area covered by Tri-State Mutual Aid. Based upon these reviews and many discussions, the PSCAC prepared a recommendation to the Leyden Selectboard to focus and revitalize our department as a quick response team.

Leyden Emergency Medical Response capabilities was reviewed by Stephen Foley. Based upon his reviews of the evolving situation in regard to ambulance response capability in this part of Franklin County, he recommended that Leyden consider

entering into a contract with the Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association and to have them designated as our primary first responding ambulance service.

Leyden Emergency Management Team was reestablished with David Pomerantz and Erica Jensen as Co-Emergency Management Directors. Working with Stephen Foley and the PSCAC, they have established a working committee that is writing a new Emergency Management Plan for Leyden.

Members of the PSCAC in 2022 included: Liz Kidder, Chair, Emily Yazwinski, Barbara Wallace, Marcia Miller, Michael Morgan, Anders Ferguson, Jack Golden, Devorah Vester, Candace Hope, Alternate and minutes recorder.

The PSCAC holds monthly meetings and encourages residents to attend our meetings or to send concerns or questions to Publicsafety@townofleyden.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Kidder
Chair, PSCAC

Recreation Committee

The year 2022 was a year of change and new programs for the Recreation Committee. Two of our long time members, Mary Lou Barton and Sue Howarth decided to leave the group and pursue other interests. Together their contributions to the community are too numerous to count. They are dearly missed, and we cannot thank them enough for their many many years of service.

Thankfully two others have stepped up to serve on the committee. Ella Muka, and early in 2023

Abbi Pratt joined our group and have brought new energy and ideas.

Mother Nature threw us a few curve balls this year. Our Winter Fun Fest in February had to be cancelled due to rain and no snow. Then our Summer Youth Olympics was cancelled due to the extreme heat index. We are looking into scheduling these events earlier in the seasons in the hope that weather conditions will be more suitable.

Thanks in part to the Leyden Cultural Council we were able to offer our first 'Arts in the Woods' program this summer. For five consecutive Wednesdays local artisans taught and inspired youngsters to create and share a variety of art projects. We are hoping to expand this program in 2023.

In conjunction with the Robertson Memorial Library, the Leyden Cultural Council, the Recreation Committee treated area families to the Reading Campout at Avery Field. Timothy Van Egmand provided music and story telling around a beautiful campfire. Food, fun, laughter and glow stick 'fireworks' filled the night. After a hearty breakfast more arts and craft projects kept everyone entertained. We're looking toward a bigger and better campout next year. Unfortunately we only had one outdoor concert this year. However local songwriter and singer Matt York put on a stellar performance in August that was well attended and exceptionally entertaining. We hope to offer more in 2023.

Once again the 'Hills are Alive' took place in October and was another success. AJ Eglof's annual Bob Cook Tractor Pull along with the Leyden United Methodist Church Craft Fair, the Leyden Historical Society, the Robertson Memorial Library, and the Recreation Committee all worked together to make this event a showcase of Leyden hospitality. (a destination event in the making?)

This year's Halloween was especially successful. Working again with the Library, our Community Police Force, and along with many residents we had a lot of vehicles for Trunk and Treat. The costumes were outstanding and fun and everyone seemed to

have a great time. Santa paid an early visit to Leyden in December. The Leyden Fire Department drove Santa and his elf around town to visit many families as he spread good cheer and wishes to all. Probably the biggest and most important achievement of year was the continued progress and near-completion of the Avery Field Field House. Although it was not completed in 2022, it will be open in 2023. We have thanked a lot of people who have helped with this project over the last three years and this year we thank Jim and Christine Brodeur, and James (Jaf) Finney for their tireless, arduous, and selfless dedication to seeing this project to the end. That this project would not have finished without them is absolutely no understatement. Many, many thanks .

Respectfully submitted

John P Higgins, Chair Karin Parks

Brian Pelletier, Treasurer Abbi Pratt

Ella Muka, Secretary

Robertson Memorial Library

The Robertson Memorial Library continues to be an important piece in our little town. The library's mission continues to be free access to materials. The library is open to the public 12 hours a week and also by appointment. We continue to offer delivery options to help meet the needs of our patrons.

Our collection of materials remains vibrant. All pieces are hand selected with our community in mind. We have something for everyone! We choose books and movies with excellent ratings from Booklist, New York Times, and Kirkus Reviews. We house 4,678 books for all ages, 4 magazine subscriptions, 42 audiobooks, and 122 films. We have worked hard to keep our collection topical and current. Over the past few years, we have increased our offerings of materials on social-emotional learning and social justice, and diversity to reflect the world around us. If we don't have something that you are looking for, we are fortunate to have a fantastic InterLibrary Loan program. We can get just about anything that you are looking for.

Besides offering materials for loan, we also strive to bring our community together. We had another very successful summer reading program that was enthusiastically attended by children from Leyden and Bernardston, that culminated in a community campout that was a blast for all ages. We hosted a rowdy second annual banned book trivia and a very well-attended candidate forum. The library team is thrilled to collaborate with other town departments to stretch our manpower and tax dollars. We have lots of great things planned coming up!

Our library continues to be supported by 3 fantastic trustees who are always attentive and happy to make our library the best that it can be. Our patrons are top-notch. Each day has the opportunity to be loud and messy filled with our communities children or a great place to run into your neighbors. The library has an amazing group of volunteers that run our Saturday hours, help with shelving and weeding of books, and help with programs and events. They are quick and eager to help. Stop by and see what's new at the Robertson Memorial Library!

Solar Planning Committee

In August the select board voted to participate in a no-cost solar planning process offered by UMass Clean Energy Extension. After advertising for interested residents, a Solar Planning Committee was appointed to represent Leyden: Sarah Bartholemew, Beth Kudzdeba, and Emily Yazwinski with Glenn Caffery serving as the liaison to the select board and UMass.

The Committee met monthly focused in 2022 on drafting a Solar Bylaw to present to the Planning Board. We would like to acknowledge the work of Liz Kidder who drew on her planning background to pull neighbor-town bylaws into drafts that best fit Leyden. We provided information and feedback for the UMass team as they developed a Leyden Solar Resource and Infrastructure assessment, now available on Leyden's website. While both of these activities were focused on larger-scale solar installations, the committee also set its sights on a Spring 2023 tour of Leyden homes that have installed solar to give solar-curious residents an opportunity to see a variety of installations and ask questions of Leyden neighbor solar producers.

Town Accountant

Town of Leyden

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

				Fiduciary		Account	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise		Debt Groups Long-term	(Memorandum Only)
	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Fund Types Trust and Agency		Totals
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	374,858.95	(41,462.76)	0.00	255,836.16	525,565.28		1,114,797.63
Investments							0.00
Receivables:							
Personal property taxes	375.97						375.97
Real estate taxes	56,994.86						56,994.86
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(15,153.03)						(15,153.03)
Tax liens	43,844.59						43,844.59
Deferred taxes	29,102.99						29,102.99
Motor vehicle excise	17,553.01						17,553.01
Other excises							0.00
User fees							0.00
Utility liens added to taxes							0.00
Departmental							0.00
Special assessments							0.00
Due from other governments							0.00
Other receivables							0.00
Foreclosures/Possessions							0.00
Prepays							0.00
Due to/from other funds							0.00
Working deposit							0.00
Inventory							0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation							0.00

Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							0.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave							0.00
Total Assets	507,577.34	(41,462.76)	0.00	255,836.16	525,565.28	0.00	<u>1,247,516.02</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:							
Warrants payable							0.00
Accounts payable							0.00
Accrued payroll	3,875.73						3,875.73
Withholdings	(1,660.70)						(1,660.70)
Accrued claims payable							0.00
Due to/from other funds							0.00
Due to other governments							0.00
Other liabilities							0.00

				Fiduciary	Account	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Debt	(Memorandum Only)
	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Trust and Agency	Totals
					Long-term	

Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	42,217.80					42,217.80
Tax liens	43,844.59					43,844.59
Deferred taxes	29,102.99					29,102.99
Foreclosures/Possessions						0.00
Motor vehicle excise	17,553.01					17,553.01
Other excises						0.00
User fees						0.00
Utility liens added to taxes						0.00
Departmental						0.00
Special assessments						0.00
Due from other governments						0.00
Other receivables						0.00
Deposits receivable						0.00

Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Tailings								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Agency Funds								0.00
Notes payable			878,558.00					878,558.00
Bonds payable								0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
	<u>134,933.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>878,558.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,013,491.42</u>
Fund Equity:								
Total Liabilities								
Reserved for encumbrances								0.00
Reserved for expenditures								0.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	114,961.93							114,961.93
Reserved for petty cash								0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service								0.00
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	257,681.99	(41,462.76)	(878,558.00)		525,565.28			(136,773.49)
Unreserved retained earnings				255,836.16				255,836.16
Investment in capital assets								0.00
	<u>372,643.92</u>	<u>(41,462.76)</u>	<u>(878,558.00)</u>	<u>255,836.16</u>	<u>525,565.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>234,024.60</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>507,577.34</u>	<u>(41,462.76)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>255,836.16</u>	<u>525,565.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,247,516.02</u>
Total Fund Equity								

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.	
01-114-5100-00000	Moderator-Stipend	150.00	0.00	150.00		0.
01-114-5300-00000	Moderator-Fees	30.00	0.00	30.00		0.
01-122-5100-00000	Selectboard-Chair Stipend	1,750.00	-1,166.62	583.38	66.66	
01-122-5110-00000	Selectboard-Member Stipend	3,250.00	-3,250.00	0.00	100.00	
01-122-5210-00000	Selectmens Diesel Account	24,570.00	-23,068.73	1,501.27	93.89	
01-122-5300-00000	Board and Committee Exp	2,581.03	-2,568.45	12.58	99.51	
01-122-5340-00000	Selectboard Web/Internet	1,770.00	-1,770.00	0.00	100.00	
01-122-5380-00000	Selectmens Computer Account	6,048.00	-6,048.00	0.00	100.00	
01-122-5420-00000	Selectmens Equipment/Supplies	3,418.97	-3,418.97	0.00	100.00	
01-123-5100-00000	Municipal Assistant Salary	48,000.00	-48,000.00	0.00	100.00	
01-123-5300-00000	Municipal Assistant Expense	750.00	-701.71	48.29	93.56	
01-131-5300-00000	Finance Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.
01-132-5780-00000	Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.
01-135-5100-00000	Salary Town Accountant	12,360.00	-12,360.00	0.00	100.00	
01-135-5300-00000	Town Accountant Expense	4,220.00	-4,220.00	0.00	100.00	
01-141-5100-00000	Assessors Chair Salary	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.00	100.00	
01-141-5110-00000	Assessors Members Salary	4,800.00	-4,800.00	0.00	100.00	
01-141-5120-00000	Assessors Clerk Salary	12,002.50	-12,002.50	0.00	100.00	
01-141-5300-00000	Assessors Expenses	4,997.50	-3,691.91	1,305.59	73.88	
01-145-5100-00000	Treasurers Salary	12,360.00	-12,360.00	0.00	100.00	
01-145-5110-00000	Treasurer Certification	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	100.00	
01-145-5300-00000	Treasurers Payroll Exp.	1,800.00	-1,595.70	204.30	88.65	
01-145-5420-00000	Treasurers Expense	1,323.63	-937.12	386.51	70.80	
01-145-5580-00000	Treasurers Tax Title Exp.	6,615.18	-1,155.55	5,459.63	17.47	
01-146-5100-00000	Salary Tax Collector	12,360.00	-12,360.00	0.00	100.00	
01-146-5300-00000	Tax Collector Expense	3,550.00	-2,759.30	790.70	77.73	
01-146-5580-00000	Tax Taking/Liens	2,050.00	0.00	2,050.00		0.
01-151-5300-00000	Town Counsel Fee and Expense	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.00	100.00	
01-161-5100-00000	Salary Town Clerk	8,240.00	-8,240.00	0.00	100.00	
01-161-5300-00000	Town Clerks Expense	1,400.00	-442.31	957.69	31.59	
01-162-5120-00000	Election Worker Expense	1,000.00	-531.00	469.00	53.10	
01-175-5100-00000	Planning Board Chair Salary	350.00	-350.00	0.00	100.00	
01-175-5110-00000	Planning Board Member Salary	800.00	-400.00	400.00	50.00	
01-175-5300-00000	Planning Board Expense	350.00	-58.00	292.00	16.57	
01-192-5111-00000	Custodian Salary	5,500.00	-2,881.44	2,618.56	52.39	

01-192-5210-00000	Utilities-Town Hall	30,000.00	-29,276.30	723.70	97.59
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Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.	
01-192-5240-00000	Building Repairs/Maint.	560.90	-560.90	0.00	100.00	
01-192-5290-00000	Beaver Meadow Cemet. Exp.	900.00	-900.00	0.00	100.00	
01-192-5291-00000	East Hill Cemet. Exp	900.00	0.00	900.00		0.
01-192-5292-00000	South Cemetary	900.00	-900.00	0.00	100.00	
01-192-5293-00000	W. Leyden Cemetary	900.00	-900.00	0.00	100.00	
01-192-5420-00000	Supplies-Town Hall	600.00	0.00	600.00		0.
01-192-5430-00000	Elevatior Repair/Maint	2,600.00	-2,295.00	305.00	88.27	
01-192-5460-00000	Grounds Maint. Exp.	6,000.00	-5,204.00	796.00	86.73	
01-195-5300-00000	Town Report Printing	350.00	-203.75	146.25	58.21	
01-210-5100-00000	Police Chief Salary	7,540.00	-7,296.64	243.36	96.77	
01-210-5110-00000	Police Officer Salary	37,125.90	-37,125.90	0.00	100.00	
01-210-5111-00000	Police Office Support Salary	949.10	-801.00	148.10	84.40	
01-210-5120-00000	Constables Stipend	300.00	-320.00	-20.00	106.67	
01-210-5300-00000	Police Expense	20,000.00	-18,507.96	1,492.04	92.54	
01-210-5320-00000	Police Training Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.
01-210-5430-00000	Tire and Mechanical Work	2,500.00	-1,622.38	877.62	64.90	
01-210-5650-00000	FRCOG REPC Assess	150.00	-150.00	0.00	100.00	
01-220-5110-00000	Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	-999.96	0.04	100.00	
01-220-5115-00000	Firemans Salary	13,500.00	-4,445.41	9,054.59	32.93	
01-220-5300-00000	Fire Expenses	27,500.00	-20,682.26	6,817.74	75.21	
01-241-5580-00000	FRCOG Inspection Svc.	4,600.00	-4,600.00	0.00	100.00	
01-250-5110-00000	EMS Salary	3,278.00	-1,614.00	1,664.00	49.24	
01-250-5300-00000	EMS Expense	1,500.00	-560.00	940.00	37.33	
01-250-5400-00000	RAVE 911	2,850.00	-2,850.00	0.00	100.00	
01-275-5300-00000	Barn & Animal Ins. Exp.	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	100.00	
01-294-5300-00000	Tree Warden Expense Ins. Exp.	10,000.00	-9,908.98	91.02	99.09	
01-301-5320-00000	PVRS Operating Budget	801,218.00	-801,218.00	0.00	100.00	
01-301-5710-00000	PVRS School Comm. Travel	717.00	-716.66	0.34	99.95	
01-301-5820-00000	PVRS Capital Assessment	648.00	0.00	648.00		0.
01-303-5320-00000	FCTS Operating Assessment	17,945.00	-17,945.00	0.00	100.00	
01-303-5820-00000	FCTS Capital Assessment	2,247.00	-2,246.56	0.44	99.98	

01-421-5100-00000	Highway Salaries	173,311.00	-162,115.65	11,195.35	93.54		
01-421-5240-00000	Highway Machinery	53,135.00	-52,686.11	448.89	99.16		
01-421-5300-00000	Highway Expenses	13,082.28	-13,082.28	0.00	100.00		
01-421-5430-00000	Highway Maintenance	88,158.86	-84,535.97	3,622.89	95.89		
01-423-5300-00000	Winter Maintenance	72,758.86	-72,758.86	0.00	100.00		
01-492-5300-00000	Hist. Commission Expense			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.

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01-510-5100-00000	Bd of Health-Chair Salary	800.00	-800.00	0.00	100.00
01-510-5110-00000	Bd of Health-Mem. Salary	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.00	100.00
01-510-5300-00000	Bd of Health Expenses	876.37	-876.37	0.00	100.00
01-510-5650-00000	FRCOG Health Assess	4,247.28	-4,247.28	0.00	100.00
01-541-5300-00000	COA Expenses	4,000.00	-3,999.85	0.15	100.00
01-544-5770-00000	Gfld. Vets Svc. Dist. Asses	1,707.06	-1,707.06	0.00	100.00
01-545-5300-00000	Veterans Plaques	218.88	-218.88	0.00	100.00
01-545-5770-00000	Veterans Benefits	6,649.70	-6,649.70	0.00	100.00
01-610-5100-00000	Salary Library Director	16,820.00	-16,816.80	3.20	99.98
01-610-5110-00000	Salary Library Custodian	780.00	-780.00	0.00	100.00
01-610-5300-00000	Library Operating Expense	9,728.00	-9,719.60	8.40	99.91
01-752-5925-00000	Interest on Indebtedness	1,000.00	-550.00	450.00	55.00
01-850-5676-00000	FRCOG Procurement	1,844.00	-1,844.00	0.00	100.00
01-851-5677-00000	FRCOG Stat/Core Assess.	5,419.00	-5,419.00	0.00	100.00
01-852-5678-00000	Franklin Reg. Retirement. Asses.	34,547.00	-34,547.00	0.00	100.00
01-910-5300-00000	Insurances	107,000.00	-106,574.87	425.13	99.60
01-996-5967-00000	Transfer to BB	201,500.00	-201,500.00	0.00	100.00
01-996-5968-00000	Trans.to Stabilization	161,753.00	-161,753.00	0.00	100.00
01-999-5962-00000	Special Projects in 03	59,500.00	-59,500.00	0.00	100.00
92 Account(s) totaling:	2,219,412.00				
-2,160,570.25	58,841.75				
97.35					

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name	Allocated	Expended	Ending	% Var.
01-000-4110-20220	2022 Personal Property	0.00	49,454.96	49,454.96	0.00
01-000-4120-20180	2018 Real Estate Tax	0.00	119.99	119.99	0.00
01-000-4120-20190	2019 Real Estate Tax	0.00	1,225.01	1,225.01	0.00
01-000-4120-20200	2020 Real Estate Tax	0.00	1,852.84	1,852.84	0.00
01-000-4120-20210	2021 Real Estate Tax	0.00	50,694.58	50,694.58	0.00
01-000-4120-20220	2022 Real Estate Tax	0.00	1,556,793.40	1,556,793.40	0.00
01-000-4140-00000	Local PILOT	0.00	21,336.11	21,336.11	0.00
01-000-4142-00000	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	3,417.38	3,417.38	0.00
01-000-4150-20150	2015 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	51.13	51.13	0.00
01-000-4150-20160	2016 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	76.25	76.25	0.00
01-000-4150-20180	2018 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
01-000-4150-20190	2019 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	1,450.08	1,450.08	0.00
01-000-4150-20200	2020 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	3,094.38	3,094.38	0.00
01-000-4150-20210	2021 Motor Vehicle Tax	0.00	33,918.75	33,918.75	0.00
01-000-4150-20220	MVE 2022	0.00	96,210.07	96,210.07	0.00
01-000-4161-00000	Town Clerk Fees to Town	0.00	512.75	512.75	0.00
01-000-4162-00000	Hotel Tax	0.00	53.10	53.10	0.00
01-000-4170-00000	Penalties and int. taxes	0.00	1,809.10	1,809.10	0.00
01-000-4171-00000	Interest on Property Tax	0.00	10,238.79	10,238.79	0.00
01-000-4172-00000	Interest on Motor Veh Ex	0.00	1,580.93	1,580.93	0.00
01-000-4270-00000	Other Charges for Service	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
01-000-4320-00000	RMV Marking Fees	0.00	1,383.00	1,383.00	0.00
01-000-4360-00000	Tax Collector Fees to Town	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00	0.00
01-000-4420-00000	Town Hall Rental	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
01-000-4459-00000	Permits - Other	0.00	1,975.00	1,975.00	0.00
01-000-4611-00000	State Owned Land	0.00	31,794.00	31,794.00	0.00
01-000-4613-00000	Abatements Veterans	0.00	13,041.00	13,041.00	0.00
01-000-4616-00000	Elderly Abatements	0.00	1,004.00	1,004.00	0.00
01-000-4671-00000	Unres. Gen. Govt. Aid	0.00	89,557.00	89,557.00	0.00
01-000-4770-00000	Fines-District Court	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
01-000-4772-00000	CMVI Fines	0.00	3,993.96	3,993.96	0.00
01-000-4820-00000	Interest on Investments	0.00	122.75	122.75	0.00

01-000-4841-00000	Sale of Surplus Equipment	0.00	8,096.95	8,096.95	0.00
01-000-4841-01020	Misc. Vendor Reimbursement	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00
01-000-4844-00000	Copier Receipts	0.00	38.00	38.00	0.00
35 Account(s) totaling:			0.00	1,991,955.36	1,991,955.36

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name % Var.	Allocated	Expended	Ending
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 03 - Special Articles			
03-135-5210-03101 Audit Expenses 2,000.00 2,000.00 4,000.00 -100.00	03-141-5210-03102 Assessors Reval. Expense 2,218.05 2,000.00			
4,218.05 -90.17	03-147-5210-03103 Tax Possession Mgmt. 4,305.82 0.00 4,305.82 0.00			
03-192-5810-03104 Building Needs Study 141.05	2,243.37 2,384.42 -1,590.48			
03-192-5810-03105 Land Acquisition Fund 13,562.72 1,500.00 15,062.72 -11.06				
03-192-5810-03106	Water Supply 0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
03-192-5810-03108 Town Hall Stage Curtain Repair 2,325.10 0.00 2,325.10 0.00	03-210-5810-03112 CJIS System Upgrade Art17 FY21 -548.85			
0.00 -548.85 0.00				
03-220-5210-03114	Fire Pond 0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
03-220-5810-03110	Fire Dept. Equipment 11.91	1,116.99	-132.99	984.00
03-250-5810-03116	Fire/EMS Equipment and Development 0.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00

03-510-5810-03115	Mosquito Control District	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
03-630-5810-03113	Avery Field Pav Demo/Repl Art11 FY21	30,000.00	-1,769.33	28,230.67	5.90	
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 03 - Special Articles	61,120.88	53,841.05	114,961.93	-88.09
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 21 - Cultural Council				
21-699-5400-21101	CC Grant Awards Expense	0.00	-4,825.00	-4,825.00	0.00	
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 21 - Cultural Council	0.00	-4,825.00	-4,825.00	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 23 - Highway Grants				
23-422-5410-00000	Chapter 90 Expenses	0.00	-79,120.62	-79,120.62	0.00	
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund			0.00	-79,120.62	-79,120.62	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund						
26-176-5400-26103	Planning Board Revolving-Supplies	0.00	-265.00	-265.00	0.00	
26-220-5400-26104	Fire Inspection Revolving-Supplies	0.00	-775.00	-775.00	0.00	
26-292-5400-26105	Animal Control Revolving-Supplies	0.00	-1,403.75	-1,403.75	0.00	
		Code: 23 - Highway Grants				
		Code: 26 - Revolving Funds				
26-630-5400-26110	Recreation Revolving-Supplies	0.00	-443.86	-443.86		
		0.00				
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 26 - Revolving Funds	0.00	-2,887.61	-2,887.61	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 29 - Misc Special Revenues				
29-122-5400-29103	COVID Expenses	0.00	-13,890.36	-13,890.36	0.00	
29-122-5400-29113	Community Compact Expense	0.00	-4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00	
29-122-5400-29143	ARPA Expenditures	0.00	-21,925.50	-21,925.50	0.00	
29-155-5400-29102	IT Grant-Supplies	0.00	-500.00	-500.00	0.00	
29-175-5400-29112	MVP Expenses	0.00	-5,254.33	-5,254.33	0.00	
29-210-5400-29144	Bullet Proof Vest Expenses	0.00	-1,906.00	-1,906.00	0.00	
29-212-5400-29142	EMPG Grant Expenses	0.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	
29-291-5400-29123	VY Community Support Grant-Supplies	0.00	-2,607.67	-2,607.67	0.00	

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Expenditure Ledger

Account Number	Name % Var.	Allocated	Expended	Ending
29-422-5400-29128 Coates Road Grant Expenses 0.00 -474,200.02 -474,200.02 0.00	29-422-5400-29147 East Hill Road Grant Expenses 0.00 -			
32,486.83 -32,486.83 0.00	29-435-5400-29145 Historical Commission Gift Expenses 0.00 -1,198.20 -1,198.20 0.00			
29-541-5400-29135 COA Grant-Supplies 0.00 -6,990.19 -6,990.19 0.00	29-541-5400-29136 COA Donations-Supplies 0.00 -95.00 -95.00 0.00			
29-610-5400-29137	Library State Grant-Supplies 0.00	0.00	-5,062.39	-5,062.39
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Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 29 - Misc Special Revenues	0.00	-575,616.49	-575,616.49 n/a Group 1:
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Segment 1: Fund	Code: 39 - Capital Projects			
39-191-5700-00000	Town Share BB Construction 0.00	0.00	-123,986.72	-123,986.72
39-191-5925-00000	Interest on loan 0.00	0.00	-10,058.00	-10,058.00
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Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund	Code: 39 - Capital Projects	0.00	-134,044.72	-134,044.72 n/a Group 1: Segment 1:
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Fund	Code: 67 - Broadband			
67-191-5100-67101 Broadband Wages 12,000.00 -11,061.71 938.29 92.18	67-191-5200-67101 Repairs and Maintenance 52,800.00 -52,006.45 793.55 98.50			
67-191-5300-67101 Broadband Whip City Fees 82,000.00 -212,105.54 -130,105.54 258.67	67-191-5320-67101 Middle Mile Access Fee 14,400.00 0.00 14,400.00 0.00			
67-191-5330-67101 Pole Rental Fee 10,322.00 -13,437.83 -3,115.83 130.19	67-191-5340-67101 Retainer for 3rd Party Boom Truck 9,600.00 0.00 9,600.00 0.00			
67-191-5360-67101 Pole Bonding Fee 6,000.00 -6,000.00 0.00 100.00	67-191-5380-67101 Insurance 7,500.00 -5,393.00 2,107.00 71.91			
67-191-5400-67101 Replacement Reserve Fiber and Electronics 23,500.00 0.00 23,500.00 0.00	67-191-5700-67101 Broadband Electricity and Gas 3,500.00 -5,541.80 -2,041.80 158.34			
67-996-5961-00000 Transfer to Stabilization 0.00 -25,000.00 -25,000.00 0.00				

Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 67 - Broadband	221,622.00	-330,546.33	-
108,924.33		149.15			
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 83 - Stabilization Trusts			
83-141-5700-83118	Stabilization-Miscellaneous		0.00	-25,000.00	-25,000.00
	0.00				
83-192-5700-83103	Town Building Stabilization-Miscellaneous		0.00	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
	0.00				
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 83 - Stabilization Trusts	0.00	-35,000.00	-35,000.00
		n/a			
48 Account(s) totaling:			282,742.88	-1,108,199.72	-825,456.84
			391.95		

Ledger History - Allocated Summary - Revenue Ledger

Account Number	Name % Var.	Allocated	Expended	Ending	
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 21 - Cultural Council			
21-000-4680-00000	State Cultural Council	0.00	5,000.30	5,000.30	0.00
21-000-4820-00000	rArts Interest	0.00	12.74	12.74	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		0.00	5,013.04	5,013.04	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 23 - Highway Grants			
23-000-4422-00000	Chapter 90 Revenue	0.00	180,572.62	180,572.62	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		0.00	180,572.62	180,572.62	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 24 - Septic Grants			
24-000-4820-00000	rSeptic Bank Interest	0.00	0.43	0.43	0.00
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		0.00	0.43	0.43	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund					
26-176-4840-26103	Planning Board Revolving Rev.	0.00	792.00	792.00	0.00
26-220-4840-26104	Fire Inspection Revolving Rev	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
26-292-4840-26105	Animal Control Revolving Rev	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
		Code: 24 - Septic Grants			
		Code: 26 - Revolving Funds			
Total Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		0.00	1,627.00	1,627.00	n/a
Group 1: Segment 1: Fund		Code: 29 - Misc Special Revenues			
29-122-4680-29113 Community Compact Revenue 0.00 47,963.00 47,963.00 0.00 29-122-4680-29143 ARPA Revenues 0.00 69,440.18					
69,440.18 0.00 29-122-4840-29103 COVID Revenues 0.00 22,908.57 22,908.57 0.00 29-210-4680-29146 FRCOG Training Grant Revenue 0.00					
4,800.00 4,800.00 0.00 29-210-4680-29148 CC Reg and Eff Grant Revenues 0.00 187,000.00 187,000.00 0.00 29-212-4680-29142 EMPG Grant					
Revenue 0.00 2,500.00 2,500.00 0.00					

29-422-4680-29128	Culver Replacement Grant Revenue 0.00	0.00	86,896.83	86,896.83
29-435-4820-29145	Historical Commission Gift Revenues 0.00	0.00	3,258.38	3,258.38

Treasurer

JULY 2021 — JUNE 2022

30-Jun-22 Cash Accounts

Unibank Payables	\$3,363.67
Unibank Depository	\$774,409.45
Checking	\$1.88
Greenfield Coop MM	\$10,202.07
Collector	\$54,915.20
Unibank collector	\$0.79
deputy collector acct	\$0.30
Unibank Last Mile	\$3,137.49
MLP Broadband	\$219,449.84
Septic –	
Total Trust Accounts	\$380,814.39
TOTAL	<u>\$1,446,295.08</u>
 Total Cash Accounts	 \$1,065,480.69

MMDT Trust Accounts

Barstow Poor	\$1,284.33
Davenport Books	\$1,359.80
Davenport Poor & Sc	\$4,444.41
Highway Equipment C	\$53,856.37
Arts Lottery Council	\$4,116.20
Quintus Allen	\$11,704.64
Stabilization Fund	\$197,757.16
Bldg Cap Improv Sta	\$87,587.81
Technology Stabilizat	\$1,075.61
Assessors Software S	\$16,358.68
Unibank Trust Accounts	
Cemetery Care	\$635.34
Robertson Memorial	<u>\$634.04</u>

Town Clerk

“The office of town clerk is probably one of the oldest in municipal government. In Massachusetts, town clerk was one of the earliest offices established in colonial towns although the title itself may not appear in the earliest records. The settlers were well aware of the importance of keeping accurate written records of their agreements and actions including grants of land, regulations governing animals, the collection of taxes and the expenditure of town funds. If your town records date back to the first half of the 17th century, you will probably find that a person was given the specific duty of writing down town orders and will see many entries in the record which include the words “It is ordered by the inhabitants,” or some similar words. Indeed, in Massachusetts, the town clerk was one of the earliest offices established in colonial towns.”

As the Chief Election official of the Town of Leyden, the Town Clerk serves as the liaison office of the Board of Registrars and maintains voter registrations and all materials related to elections. The Town Clerk is responsible for coordinating and administering all local and State elections. There were two State Elections in 2022, the State Primary and the General Election.

The State Primary was on Tuesday September 6th at Town Hall. 166 registered voters participated in Leyden. The General Election was on Tuesday November 8th at Town Hall with 395 voters.

General Election Results for Leyden:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor	Healey and Driscoll
Attorney General	Andrea Joy Campbell
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin
Treasurer	Deborah B. Goldberg
Auditor	Diana DiZoglio
Representative in Congress	James P. McGovern
Councilor	Tara J. Jacobs
Representative in General Court	Natalie M. Blais
District Attorney	David E. Sullivan
Sheriff	Christopher J. Donelan
Council of Governments Exec. Com.	Jane M. Peirce
Senator in General Court	Jo Comerford

A special thank you to the entire team of election workers for helping with both elections in 2022, the September Primary was held six days after I was appointed as interim Town Clerk. John Higgins, Michele Higgins, Marie Lovley, Kathleen Fritz, and Joyce

Muka served as Poll Workers. Constables Vanessa and Gary Russell assisted with the State Primary as well as Philip Juliani serving in both elections. The Bernardston police department provided services for the General Election in November. As required by Massachusetts General Laws, minutes of the Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meetings and all election results are certified by the Town Clerk and are permanently recorded in the Town record books.

The Town Clerks office continues to update Town's website by providing residents with as much up to date information regarding the services we provide, along with election information, voter registration information, campaign finance information, marriage license information and fees related to our services such as dog licensing, vital records and Business Certificates. An online payment system was established in the fall of 2022 for these services.

The Office of the Town Clerk offers many services on a walk-in basis to the residents, such as, issuing marriage licenses; dog licenses; certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates; voter registration; absentee ballot applications; and Business Certificates. Residents can also obtain Town Meeting warrants, sample ballots for elections, annual reports and the annual street list at the Town Clerks office.

Massachusetts General Law and Federal laws require each city and town to gather certain information and maintain certain lists. This includes street listings, numbered resident files, the annual register, and voter lists. The street listing process is the foundation for the State's compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). The NVRA requires states to conduct a "general program" which makes a reasonable effort to remove ineligible voters from the lists of registered voters. 42 U.S.C. 1973gg et seq.

Massachusetts General Law requires that cities and towns conduct an annual census of its residents as of January 1 of each year. The Street List is the primary tool used by all municipalities to Respond to requests for information from the Jury Commissioner. The information is used to establish the annual Prospective Juror List. Make changes to address information and inactive voters and thereafter delete such voters; Aid in school enrollment projections and notify parents or guardians of educational requirements for children under age 16. Provide data to officials in order to assess public safety and senior citizens' needs and for certain privileges such as veterans' benefits (e.g. Welcome Home Bonus) and proof of residency for colleges and universities. The census information does not register anyone to vote, but failure to answer the census may result in a voter's name being removed from the voter's list.

Much of the winter was spent updating the street list in the State computer and ensuring that Street names and zip codes were accurately recorded. The highway department and Assessors office helped with this, thank you Bill and Alice!

Vital Records:

Certified records of birth, deaths and marriage records are available through the Clerk's office. They are copied on safety paper at a charge of \$10.00. As a note, when you need a copy of your birth record, remember that it is always filed in the town where your mother was living at the time of your birth and in the hospital community. Marriage Certificates are retained in the Town where you filed your Marriage Intention. All records are also safe guarded at the Office of Vital Records in Boston, MA.

Dog licenses for Leyden 2022

There were 49 dogs registered in Leyden for 2022. Male 4, Male Neutered 28, Female 3, Spayed Female 14. Leyden dog kennel licenses issued were zero for Kennels with 1-4 dogs and one kennel with 5-10 dogs.

Vital Statistics

Leyden welcomes five new babies born in 2022 Jack Montag 4/27/22, Theodore Barstow 6/11/22, Sage Bander 9/12/22, Ivy Streeter 9/25/22, and Ayven Choinere 12/03/22. There were four deaths for the town of Leyden, Richard Fregeau 7/30/22, Craig Constantine 10/10/22, Virginia Stasny 12/20/22, and Gayle Hall 12/26/22.

I would like to thank the residents of Leyden for their continued support shown this year. It is my pleasure to serve the Community as Your Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Lynch".

Amanda Lynch

Town Clerk

2022

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Minutes

Town of Leyden
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Tuesday June 21, 2022

To either of the Constables in the Town of Leyden, in the County of Franklin,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the LEYDEN TON HALL on 16 West Leyden Road, on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:15 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1-

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum or sums in accordance with the proposed budget to defray the operating expenses of the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, or take any action related thereto.

Ginger Robinson made the motion to raise and appropriate Bill
Glabach Seconded

Bill Glabach requested article 301 Education be voted on 1st as there were visitors from the school and we didn't want to make them wait until we got to that section in the budget. Lance Fritz seconded. No discussion Bill Glabach moved \$843,035 for education, Michele Giaruso Seconded.

Approved

99 YES

1 NO

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Ginger Robinson stated Sue Bobe the Treasurer caught an error on the Treasurer Salary of \$1000.00. They had included the Treasurer's Certification \$1000.00 In the Salary Line so the Treasurers Salary should read \$12730.00. Robert DePalma Asked why his Assessors Budget was cut. He stated it looked lil<e the Municipal

Assistant got a 25% raise and they didn't even get a standard 3%. Ginger

Robinson stated they were trying to get salaries in line with other Towns. Robert DePalma said he was disgusted with Finance Committee and Select board that they didn't even call him or ask him to come and talk about the changes they made. He said Ken Spatcher would probably resign and I may follow him. With the over 20 years have worked for this town and kept the tax rate down and helped this town this is thanks I get. Jeff Neipp asked to amend the Assessors Chair Salary to \$3200.00 and the Member Salary \$4800.00 that was requested.

Lance Fritz Seconded

97 YES

3 NO

Marie Lovely asked to amend all salaried employees to be held to no more than

5%, from now and going forward. Cecilia Tusinski Seconded. Marie Lovely felt

It was unfair to have so many different percentages for the positions. Ginger Robinson stated they had a survey from other towns and Leyden was well below the average pay scale and were trying to get the positions comparable if we were to hire someone it would look more enticing. Cecilia felt that they should not compare Leyden with other Towns as we are so small and things work different In each town. Erica Jensen stated the Select board and Finance Committee had done a lot of work and this is what we came up with. Vote failed 55/34

General Government passed with corrections and amendments \$294,580

85 YES

5 NO

PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY

Jeff Neipp asked about the Bernardston Police what we were going to get for service after 6/30/22 and felt it should have been more transparent so residence knew. Liz Kidder Public Safety Advisory Committee Chair stated there were numerous public meetings and they were working with the Collins Center. Liz Kidder stated that there would be 140 hours service and 20 hours Patrol.

Cecilia asked about Fire Department Expense Line and Brian Pelletier stated it was for Calls and Training.

PROTECTION OF PEOPLE & PROPERTY passed \$153,445

75 YES

10 NO

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Erica Jensen made a motion of \$402,293

Bill Glabach Seconded Unanimous
vote

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES

Erica Jensen made a motion of \$28,661

Ginger Robinson Seconded

Unanimous Vote

INTERGOVERNMENTAL DEBT SERVICE

Ginger Robinson made a motion of \$1000

Erica Jensen Seconded
Unanimous Vote

GENERAL INSURANCE

Ginger Robinson made a motion of \$105,000

Erica Jensen Seconded
Unanimous Vote

TOTAL REGIONAL

Erica Jensen made a motion of \$47,875

Ginger Robinson Seconded

Unanimous Vote

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET 1,895,737

ARTICLE 2-

To see if the Town will vote to set the stipend compensation for all elected officials of the town (Select board, Town Clerk, Moderator and Constable (or whatever elected officials receive compensation for the Town) as provided by M.G.L. c 41, section 108 to be made effective from July 1, 2022 as contained in the budget or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Bill Glabach made motion

Erica Jensen Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 3-

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2023 as permitted by M.G.L. c 44, section 53F, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Ginger Robinson Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 4-

To see if the Town will vote to authorize al' town Departments, boards and committees to apply for any new state or federal grants and authorize the Select board to accept such grants. Any grant matching funds will be subject to a Town Meeting appropriation.

Erica Jensen made motion

Michele Giaruso Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 5-

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Library Incentive Grant, Municipal Equalization Grant, and the Non-Resident Circulation Grant (state aid award) and to transfer those sums to the Robertson Memorial Library budget or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Cornelia Reid made motion

Erica Jensen Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 6-

To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money that may be granted by the Quintus Allen Trust Fund, and to appropriate such funds for equipment, activities and supplies for the benefit of Leyden children, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Quintus Allen was an original trustee of the Greenfield Savings Bank. Upon his death in 1884, he established a trust fund to be used for Education-related expenses in Colrain, Gill, Leyden and Shelburne. The interest earned by the Trust is distributed to those towns each Year.

Michele Giaruso made motion

Ginger Robinson Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 7-

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum of money that may be available under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws and authorize the Select board to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select board, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amount or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Michele Giaruso Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 8-

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to the Assessors Reevaluation account, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Robert DePalma made motion

Erica Jensen Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 9-

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to the Audit Fund, to be administered by the Select board for town audits or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Nate Messer made motion

Joyce Muka Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 10-

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to the Land Acquisition account or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Nate Messer Seconded

Article passed

66 YES

2 NO

ARTICLE 11-

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000.00 to pay for the annual fee for the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Elizabeth Kuzdeba Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 12-

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4500.00 from the Assessors Stabilization Fund for the purpose of updating Assessors Mapping; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Michele Giaruso Seconded

Unanimous

General By-laws Amendment to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds

ARTICLE 13-

To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the Town of Leyden by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 4, Section 53E 1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

John Higgins made motion Michele

Giaruso Seconded

Unanimous Vote

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

1. Purpose. This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These

revolving funds are established under and governed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 h.

2. Expenditure Limitations. An authorized department or agency head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
 - A. Fringe benefits of full time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund (except for those employed as school bus drivers.)
 - B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by this by-law or Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by Select board and Finance Committee.
3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.
4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E h and this by-law, the laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town Funds shall apply to the use of revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure. In the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, boards, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use
5. Authorized Revolving Funds. The Table establishes:
 - A. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a Town Department, board, committee, agency or officer

- B. The department or agency head, board, committee, or officer authorized to spend from each fund.
- C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with this program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant.
- D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used.
- E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund. F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this by-law.

ARTICLE 14-

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,000 to pay down broadband debt, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Michele Giaruso Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 15-

To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Clerk position from elected to appointed; said position to be appointed by the Select board for a term of one year, beginning in F Y2024, or take any votes in relation thereto.

William Glabach made motion

Erica Jensen Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 16-

To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the following sums be appropriated to operate the Leyden Broadband Enterprise Fund:

MIP BUDGET FY2023

Expenses

INFRASTRUCTURE	\$104,860
ADMINISTRATION	\$207,080
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$311,940

REVENUE

INTERNET ONLY	\$120,360
INTERNET & PHONE	\$191,580

TOTAL REVENUE	\$311,940
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Erica Jensen mad motion

Andres Ferguson Seconded

Unanimous Vote

ARTICLE 17-

To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Town Offices for the year 2021 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen made motion

Michele Giaruso Seconded

Tom Luck recommends to dispense with the reading and accept as presented.

Unanimous Vote

Lance Fritz motioned to Dissolve meeting

John Higgins Seconded

Unanimous Vote

I certify to the best of my knowledge this is a true statement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilda Galis", written over a horizontal line.

Gilda Galis

Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Warrant June 21, 2022

Town of Leyden
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Special Town Meeting Warrant
Tuesday June 21, 2022
6:00 PM

To a constable in the Town of Leyden, in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday June 21, 2022, at the LEYDEN TOWN HALL ON 16 West Leyden Road, Leyden, MA, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Opened meeting: 6:02

ARTICLE 1-

To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash \$45,000.00 to the Fire/Emergency Medical Services Equipment and Development Special Article or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Ginger Robinson Motion to Accept Erica Jensen Seconded .

Motion carried 70 YES 5 NO

ARTICLE 2-

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Stabilization account or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Ginger Robinson Motioned to Accept

Erica Jenson Seconded

Peter Tusinski opposed and requested to indefinitely postpone all money articles permanently
Jeff Neipp Seconded

Lots of discussion but Article 2 passed as written

95 YES

2 NO

ARTICLE 3-

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to the Highway Stabilization account or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen Motioned to Accept

Tom Luck Seconded

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 4-

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$6,000.00 to the Avery Field Pavilion Replacement Article or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Ginger Motioned to Accept

Erica Jensen Seconded

Cecilia Tusinski made a motion to amend the wording Article to

Account. Ginger Robinson stated that the Accountant wanted it to read Article. Ginger Robinson also stated the Town Council had looked at it and saw no problem

Motion to keep it as Article Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 5-

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$86,753.00 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization account or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Ginger Robinson Motioned to Accept

Erica Jensen Seconded

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 6-

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Broadband/Enterprise Special Purpose Stabilization Account for Enterprise purposes or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Erica Jensen Motioned to Accept

Ginger Robinson Seconded

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 7-

To see if the Town will vote \$25,000.00 of Retained Earnings from the Broadband/Enterprise Fund to the Broadband/Enterprise Special Purpose Stabilization Account or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Ginger Robinson Motion to Accept

Emily Yazwinski Seconded

Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 8-

To see if the Town will vote \$82,000.00 of Retained Earnings from the Broadband Enterprise Fund to pay prior year bills or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Aaron Dulles Motioned to Accept

Erica Jensen Seconded .

Jeff Neipp questioned what bills were to be paid and wanted an explanation as he was under the understanding that initially that money was going back to the residents. Jack Golden explained how It worked and listed a few Vendors that were due money such as Whip City etc.

90 YES

7 NO

Lance Fritz Motioned to Adjourn

William Glabach Seconded

I certify to the best of my knowledge this is true and accurate.



Town Clerk

2022

REPORTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Superintendent Report

2022 Annual Report to the Towns
Pioneer Valley Regional School District

Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD) operates three schools: Bernardston Elementary (serving students PreK-6 from Bernardston and Leyden), Northfield Elementary (serving students PreK-6 from Northfield and Warwick), and Pioneer Valley Regional School (serving students Gr. 7-12 from all four towns).

Departure of Warwick

In December 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved the Town of Warwick's application to open a new school district for September 2023. The approval followed several years of collaboration between PVRSD and Warwick on a series of legal agreements that will govern both the departure and relations between the district and the town in the future.

As of July 1, 2023, Warwick-resident students in Preschool - Grade 6 will attend the Warwick Community School. Warwick-resident students in Grades 7 - 12 will have the option of enrolling at Pioneer Valley Regional School, with tuition paid by the Town of Warwick.

Enrollment

After many years of declining enrollment, the district's student overall population began to stabilize in 2022, with an average of 670 students throughout the year.

The district continued to experience, however, a significant loss of students at the end of the eighth grade year. In 2022, 64% of Gr. 8 students at PVRSD transferred to a different school for Gr. 9. (In the prior year, the figure was 39%.) The large majority is transferring to the Franklin County Technical School, with a small number enrolling in independent schools.

Respectfully submitted by Superintendent Patricia Kinsella, 4/25/23

Pioneer Valley Regional School Principals Report

2022-2023 School Year

Excellent academic, social/emotional and athletic programming continue to be a strong focus for our middle and high school students here at Pioneer.

Recently our 7th grade students got an introduction to Earth Day, acknowledging this worldwide celebration of our planet and why it is so important to take care of the only home we have. The 7th grade science curriculum has also been focused on the Environmental Sciences and many lessons have incorporated one of Pioneer's most valuable assets, our incredible acreage. Our 8th grade students got an introduction to the classics by reading Romeo & Juliet in English and the culmination of this unit resulted in some amazing skits and videos summarizing their learning.

As part of their 9th grade Social Studies curriculum, students have been utilizing Game Theory to run and manage their countries in a historical simulation of Modern World History. They do this by utilizing an 8' x 12' National Geographic classroom floor map and positioning their countries to best take advantage of disruptive innovations in the world of politics, economics, culture and militarization. These same students have been spending a great deal of time outside during their Ecology class. On a weekly basis students make observations and gather items from the natural world for their in-class studies. Additionally the Ecology and Environmental Science students have benefitted from a very generous grant provided by the JEHH Memorial Fund in conjunction with Mass Wildlife, that has provided all of the necessary equipment and supplies for the successful hatching of trout eggs and their eventual release.

Currently, our Essential Skills students are anxiously awaiting the hatching of the chicks that they have been incubating for several weeks. This will be an exciting conclusion to their Bird unit. Meanwhile these students continue to develop a wide variety of vocational skills that will prepare them for the world of work.

Our Engineering students have been learning how to successfully "hack" remote control cars and then reprogram them using Arduino to drive autonomously through a course. Students in Chemistry have learned the various aspects of the periodic table but more importantly were asked to "reimagine" the periodic table to display their understanding of the various elements and their characteristics. Students in Math Modeling recently completed a study of optimization techniques. One of their projects included constructing a diagram for tasks that they know well (ie. closing a pool, getting ready for a work shift). They identified the path, completion time, and tasks that could be studied to shorten time. Students in the Art department are preparing to embark on a new mural and have received a Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant to assist in its completion. The unveiling of the mural will occur in June during a festival of our elective classes: Foods/Nutrition/Languages/Arts/Engineering.

Another important component of our high school program is the offering of Advanced Placement courses which, upon successful completion and passage of the end of course assessment will afford them college credit in English Literature, English Language, Environmental Science, Biology, American History and Calculus.

Additionally, our students have had some wonderful experiences in the areas of the Arts and Travel. A combined cast of middle and high school students appeared in this spring's musical production of *Zombie Prom* and a junior percussionist auditioned for and was accepted into both the Western MA District Orchestra and the MA State Symphony Orchestra. During February Break several students traveled to Puerto Rico as an extension of their Foreign Language curriculum and during April Break a group of our band students traveled south to attend the Virginia International Military Tattoo which is a gathering of military bands from all around the world.

Of special note is the recent creation of our Stewardship Club. This group of students dedicated numerous hours to cleaning up and mulching the beautiful trails that are part of our grounds. Our NHS chapter also organized an essential items drive whereby members collected non-food "essential" items to be given to the Northfield Food Pantry.

In the social/emotional realm our counselors are constantly striving to support our students and encourage them to make healthy choices and engage in good decision making. Supporting students with mental health challenges and social conflict issues is an on-going challenge. Important aspects of their work include daily check-ins with students, therapeutic support and referrals to various community agencies and practitioners. The administration of the Signs of Suicide Screener and the Student Health Survey provided by the Communities That Care Coalition is an important aspect of their work as is the continued advisorship of our Active Community Trainers group. This group is made up of high school student leaders who work with our middle school students to teach them about being active bystanders.

Athletics continues to be a strong suit for our school community. Last spring our Varsity Baseball team had a very successful season winning the league championship and then going on to win Western MA, qualifying for the state tournament and ending up in the final four. They also received The Sportsmanship Award from the umpire association.

This past fall, our boys and girls soccer teams and girls volleyball teams also advanced to tournament play and we had some individual cross country runners make it to Western MA. Field Hockey also advanced to the Western MA finals for the second year in a row. This winter the girls and boys basketball teams made it to tournament play with the boys winning their league, Western MA and advancing to state tournament action. This team also was awarded the The Sportsmanship Award by the referees association.

In addition to their curriculum responsibilities our staff has engaged in a variety of professional development activities. Most noteworthy has been the work they have been doing in relationship to the scope and sequence of our course offerings and the development of some new classes for 23-24. The staff has also received additional training in recognizing and supporting both students and adults with mental health concerns and has reviewed the criteria concerning Section 504 plans and student accommodations.

Over the course of this academic year members of our faculty and staff were recognized for their professional accomplishments. Charity O'Connor, our middle school counselor was recognized as MASCA's Graduate Student of the Year and Lucas Correia, our high school counselor was recognized as a Shining Star by the MA Counselors Association. Emily Miner, one of our high school English

teachers, was selected as a recipient of the Harold Grinspoon Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award.

In closing, we are especially proud of our Seniors who are preparing for their next steps. Thus far we have students who have been accepted by St. Lawrence University, Dartmouth, UVM, Elms College, UNE, UMASS Boston, UMASS Amherst, UNH, URI, Assumption University, Kean University, WPI, RIT, SNHU, AIC, Westfield University, Suffolk University, Keene State and GCC. We also have a Senior who has been accepted by the Seahawks Hockey Club Jr. A Team and there are others who have chosen to take a gap year and those who have decided to go straight into employment.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hawkins-Harrison Acting Principal

Bernardston Elementary School Principal's Report

2022-2023

As a new principal at Bernardston Elementary School, I found the beginning of the school year to be filled with both excitement and uncertainty. Fortunately, staff members, students, families, and district administrators were welcoming and encouraging then and have remained so throughout the year. While Bernardston Elementary has had plenty of challenges this year, our cohesive teamwork and dedication to helping children have propelled us forward. Throughout the year, we have stayed focused on four main areas: social emotional support of students, English Language Arts curriculum development, reunification of community, and improvement of the facility.

At the forefront of our social emotional work is the addition of a full-time behaviorist and a consulting BCBA, a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. These two professionals work tirelessly to help both staff and students. They develop behavioral plans that support students in need. They work with staff members to implement plans and to teach strategies that help students cope during difficult times so that they can heal and become available for learning in all areas. This work is invaluable.

One of the areas of learning is English Language Arts, otherwise known as reading and writing. The Collaborative Classroom is an English Language Arts curriculum that the Pioneer Valley Regional School District adopted and began using during the 2021-2022 school year. The teachers continued to roll out that program this year. An ELA committee made up of teachers and administrators at the elementary level worked to support these efforts. At Bernardston, teachers met often to compare and contrast their experiences with the program and to determine what elements they needed to supplement. They reported back to their ELA representatives, who shared their thoughts district-wide during committee meetings. Then after hearing recommendations, we purchased additional materials at the building level. This grassroots community level work is ongoing.

Sharing a sense of community is highly valued at Bernardston. When I arrived, I heard many stories from teachers about past practice with regards to community-building that was lost during the pandemic. The staff communicated their eagerness to begin adding that enrichment and community-building back into the lives of their students. To help facilitate that work, we revived the BEST awards: B-Being safe, E-Everybody do your best, S-Showing self-control, and T-Treating everyone and everything with care, and we planned and executed several school-wide assemblies and events.

Near Veterans' Day the whole school met in the gym. Students read poetry, spoke eloquently about the meaning of the holiday, and sang songs. Many students and staff members submitted photos to share in an emotional slideshow. This assembly was the first time that our whole school body was back together and it was a bonding experience. Following that, we had the Turkey Trot at Thanksgiving, an event that brought the school and the greater community of Bernardston together. Next, we had a friendship assembly that happened around Valentine's Day. The theme was, "Make the World a Better Place, One Friendship at a Time". Classes greeted each other, sang, signed, read poetry, and shared a slideshow of buddies working cooperatively together.

Since then, we have been fortunate to have two musical assemblies brought to us by schools from neighboring towns in Western Massachusetts. The Berkshire Hills Music Academy and the

Eaglebrook School both came to perform. Each time the school came together, the children were respectful and attentive. They showed our guests that they were clearly connected and part of a caring, cohesive school community.

The building part of our community matters too, and the district staff along with the Bernardston Selectboard have worked to make continuous improvements to Bernardston Elementary School this year. Together we have focused on our environment, keeping it safe, making it more comfortable, and making it more welcoming. To improve our safety, we began by tightening up our door locking protocols and we continue to look into other upgrading options like swipe cards and window coverings. To increase comfort, we began to add cooling to the building which gets unbearably hot for students and staff in the warm weather. To improve our sense of welcoming, we ordered a new sign to replace the one outside that is in very bad repair. To increase cheer inside, we added additional lighting and began to paint more lively colors in our hallways. In our classrooms, we collaborated to create calm-down spaces, alternate seating areas, and worked on decluttering. This work tied our social emotional work to our facilities focus.

As you can tell, the school year 2022-2023 was and continues to be busy at Bernardston Elementary School. I feel fortunate to be part of this hardworking and compassionate BES learning community where each and every day we continue to do our very BEST for the children in our care.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schultz, Principal

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Special Education Department

2023 Student Services Town Report Update

I am providing this information regarding Special Education as the Director of Student Services for the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are currently providing special education and related services to 139 students between the ages of 3 and 22. Students who receive special education services have an identified disability which impacts their ability to make effective educational progress. Each student with special needs has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), which is designed to meet their unique needs.

In the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, we make a concerted effort to serve students with special needs in our local schools whenever possible. Towards that effort, we have created district programs which ensure that students will be able to stay in their local community schools, have access to instruction and social connections with their peers in the general education classroom, which will lead to a more successful, well-rounded student. We provide integrated preschool programs, so that students with disabilities have many opportunities to interact with their peers, as well as programs that focus on social-emotional and life skills curriculums for those students who need additional supports in those areas. The ultimate goal of these programs is to teach the students the skills necessary to reach the goal of moving back into the general education classes with their peers.

Although we do currently have three students placed in programs outside of the district, it is due to the commitment of our highly skilled special educators and classroom teachers, support staff, and administrators, that we have been very successful in providing high quality, need specific programming, which has allowed us to keep our special needs students enrolled in our local schools.

Additionally, the district is currently supporting the needs of eight English Language Learners throughout the district. These students represent four different countries, and all have a language other than English as their home language.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie M. Fontaine, M.Ed.
Director of Student Services
Pioneer Valley Regional School District

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FY24 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2022-23 school year on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students. As a reminder, the FY24 budget represents October 1, 2022 count, which is always a year behind the state budget process. FCTS has an enrollment submission of 559 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	25	Erving	28	Montague	93	Sunderland	9
Buckland	17	Gill	15	New Salem	11	Warwick	6
Colrain	21	Greenfield	117	Northfield	40	Wendell	9
Conway	9	Heath	8	Orange	94	Whately	22
Deerfield	25	Leyden	1	Shelburne	9		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 113 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2022. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability and FCTS maintained the equivalent of a Level 2 accountability status out of a 5-point scale with 1 being the highest and 5 the lowest. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 with the bond authorization projects.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). In 2019 FCTS had approximately 50% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs related to their vocational field of study. FCTS offers excellent academic offerings with increased courses in Advanced

Placement, Honors, Foreign Language, credit recovery, and special education to provide all students with the opportunity to be prepared for college and career readiness.

Franklin County Technical School continues to experience increased enrollment and popularity within Franklin County, which has translated to new vocational technical programs in the fields of Veterinary Animal Science, Medical Assisting, and a future new Aviation Technician program. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years and bring the total number of Chapter 74 vocational-technical programs to 14 and soon to be 15. Unlike other school districts which may offer a 45-minute course in a trade, FCTS students must follow strict Chapter 74 guidelines where students are in their vocational shop program for 6.5 hours per day for a full week to meet industry standard competency guidelines and in academics the next week.

FCTS is in the final process of completing a new 4800 sq. ft. Veterinary Science Learning Center and Clinic. The new building is located on Industrial Blvd next to FCTS. The facility is planning to open in the fall of 2023 and will be used for our relatively new FCTS Veterinary program and provide students with real world experiences in the veterinary field.

The new Aviation program is slated to start during the 2024-25 school year. This program will provide students with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) credentials to be certified as an Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT). FCTS was fortunate to receive a 4.1 million-dollar grant to build a new 12,000 sq. ft. aviation hangar, which will include airplanes, equipment, engine simulators, and tools and materials required by the FAA to start a new program. FCTS is planning to become one of the few high schools in the United States to offer a credentialed FAA program.

FCTS is nearly 50 years old and is one of the few remaining regional vocational schools in Massachusetts without a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funded facility. FCTS has been invited into the eligibility stage of the process during the 2022-23 school year and then will move into the Design Phase followed by a Feasibility Study during the next several years. FCTS anticipates going out to towns for a district wide vote for a core building project as part of a

Feasibility Study in the next several years.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through the use of competitive Skills Capital Grants. FCTS has received more than 6.2 million dollars in grants over the last 6 years without using tax dollars from member communities. These funds have significantly enhanced our Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, Machine Technology and Aviation vocational technical programs. FCTS also partners with the Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Greenfield Community College to offer an evening program for underemployed and displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using our 21st Century modernized CNC machines. Through the highly competitive skills grant FCTS also received \$500,000 to build a mobile welding simulator lab to be used to develop technical skills towards certification. FCTS reached out to the Franklin County House of Corrections to utilize the new mobile welding simulator lab as an opportunity to help inmates acquire advanced technical skills which can lead to employment upon release. The welding mobile simulator lab should be ready by the Spring of 2023.

In addition, FCTS applied and received a \$660,000 grant to start adult evening training programs through the Commonwealth's

Career Technical Initiative (CTI). During the Fall of 2022, FCTS initiated two adult training courses in Welding and Auto

Technology through the CTI grant, and plans to add two more programs for the Spring of 2023. FCTS also started its own Electrical adult program and plans to add more in the near future. To accomplish these goals to meet community needs, FCTS hired a full-time adult coordinator.

Franklin County Tech's Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Landscaping programs established a foundation in collaboration with the Greenfield Savings Bank to build a new home for the community on an annual basis. FCTS has finished its second new home in Erving and is beginning a new home building project in Greenfield.

FCTS vocational programs consistently reach out to support community needs to save tax payer dollars. Plumbing and Electrical students continues to work on the House Project and recently completed the Conway D.P.W. Electrical students support camera hookups, computer and telecommunication cables, rewiring switches, outlets, changing halogen lighting to LED, laying conduit and pipe for outside service, and retrofitting offices at the Heath Town Hall. Cosmetology is open to the public and provide outreach to the Athol, Poet Seat, Linda Manor Nursing Homes and provide service to the Bernardston Senior Center. Welding students built a water wheel to power a home, building a steel gate for Highland Cemetery, and building steel carts for Judd Wire. Culinary Arts is open to the public for lunch, provide special luncheons for the Western MA. SROs, Franklin County Supt. Award Banquet, and Montague Housing Authority. The Health Technology/Medical Assistant students organized a hygiene drive to donate to the needy and homeless, have public blood pressure clinics and nail care for the Erving Senior Center and volunteer at the Arbors and Regal Care in Greenfield. Landscaping did fall cleanup for the Hill Cemetery in

Shelburne, Source to Sea River cleanup in Turners, and the Franklin County Fairgrounds tree planting and fence installation in Greenfield. Landscaping students also provide maintenance to FCTS grounds care, installation of sprinkler system, and provide plants and flowers for events and for the community.

Franklin County Tech is forward thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs and skills to support students to obtain competencies and training to make them competitive in the workplace, college, and career.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those which allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard Kuklewicz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Six Town Regionalization Planning Committee

Six-Town Regionalization Planning Board (STRPB)

Towns of Bernardston, Gill, Leyden, Montague, Northfield and Warwick

2022 Annual Town Report

After almost four years of research on the educational and financial feasibility of forming a new Pre-K through

12 regional school district by merging the Gill-Montague Regional School District (GMRSD) and Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD), the Six-Town Regional Planning Board (STRPB) is hopeful that it will be ready to make a recommendation to the Towns soon.

It is important to note that both GMRSD and PVRSD have been experiencing declining enrollment over the past two decades. This trend is a result of many factors, including a declining and aging regional population, school choice, and competition from private and charter schools. Declining enrollment creates both financial and educational challenges for school districts because foundation budgets established by the state (Chapter 70: state revenue for districts) are driven by student enrollment. The Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS) produced two educational reports for the STRPB which can be found on the board's [website](#).

In June of 2022, two in- person teacher and staff forums were held to better understand their thinking on how this might benefit students. Ideas regarding expanded academic learning opportunities, additional programs and services, enhanced athletic and extra-curricular possibilities were shared. These meetings were facilitated by Mary Broderick and the results can be found in her report dated July 2022. This can be found on the STRPB's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/strpb/reportssurveys>, see report "The Six Town Regionalization Planning Board Report on Teacher/Staff Thinking," July 2022.

In November, a remote meeting was held for the Gill and Montague Selectboards, Finance Committees, Town Officials, and other interested parties to view a presentation of our findings. This was followed by a similar in-person meeting at the Bernardston Senior Center for the four towns in the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. In January and February, 2023, presentations were given to the Gill-Montague Regional School Committee and the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee respectively. These were opportunities to present information and hear comments and suggestions.

As the STRPB moves closer to making recommendations, this annual report is intended to provide the residents with an update of activities planned in the 2023 year and to establish some expectations. Given the fact that we were commissioned by the Towns

in accordance with MGL Chapter 71, sec 14 to consider regionalization options in addition to the current districts, it is essential that the Selectboards and other stakeholders (i.e., students, staff, parents, community) provide feedback to the STRPB. Meetings and forums will be held specifically for this purpose.

Previous grants were awarded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. However, neither the House or Senate provided funding for regionalization studies in the current State budget. Fortunately, the STRPB was able to secure an Efficiency and Regionalization Grant with the support of our local legislators from the Department of Revenue. We are hopeful that this grant and your feedback at forums will allow us to complete our work and report our findings.

The STRPB created two primary subcommittees (education and finance) to focus on these areas along with a facilitator and consultants. These areas are complex and require in-depth study. We have learned that the educational benefits are positive and would result in more courses, programs and services for students. The financial implications require more research. Through our research, it was found that some cost savings were possible in the central office, but it was also presumed those cost savings would be reinvested in student programs and services.

Our research also found that a new district that combined GMRSD and PVRSD would financially be in hold-harmless. We will be updating this data, looking at projected salaries and benefits and other costs that will result in a projected budget. This will help us develop potential assessments for our respective towns. Once we have this information, the STRPB will meet with Selectboards to share our findings and solicit feedback prior to making any recommendation(s). We encourage you to attend and participate in these discussions.

The STRPB has also identified some of the challenges in creating a new school district and will solicit feedback on how best to address and/or mitigate them. Although there are other secondary outcomes that the STRPB is considering, our primary focus remains on the educational and financial outcomes.

The Warwick Selectboard recently discussed its continued interest in the work of the STRPB. They concluded that even though Warwick has withdrawn from the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, they remain interested in pursuing regionalization alternatives. The Warwick Community School will reopen this Fall and students in grades 7 through 12 will continue their education at Pioneer through a tuition agreement. However, if a new regional school district is created this agreement will become null and void and Warwick is open to considering joining the new district if it finds the conditions for doing so advantageous.

All residents of Bernardston, Gill, Leyden, Montague, Northfield and Warwick are encouraged to participate in as many forums as possible to ensure the STRPB hears all perspectives in its research.

On behalf of the STRPB, thank you for taking the time to read this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Genovese, STRPB Chairperson

Greg Snedeker, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer

2022

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM REGIONAL
SERVICES PROVIDERS

Franklin County Regional Council of Governments

The Town is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. FRCOG's regional health staff provide professional support to the Board of Health for all public health issues. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Rowe, and Shelburne, and the nursing-only towns of Ashfield, Erving and Northfield. The Town's regional staff include Program Manager Randy Crochier, Health Agent Kurt Schellenberg, Public Health Nurses Lisa White and Meg Ryan, and Epidemiologist/Health Educator Maureen O'Reilly. CPHS activities on behalf of the Board of Health in Leyden during 2022 included:

- Facilitated COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics between state mobile vendors and local schools and senior centers. These clinics served over 600 individuals in North County, including Leyden residents. Additionally, the nurses gave 363 Flu and 548 COVID vaccinations at CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours, vaccination clinics, and home visits. Among these, Leyden residents received 41 vaccines.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance/contact tracing and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 69 Leyden cases, 66 of which were COVID-19.
- Helped 10 Leyden residents with low-cost tick tests through a district program and Department of Public Health subsidy, a value of \$300. Staff offered tick prevention materials and help for residents accessing tick tests. 20% of the ticks from Leyden tested positive for the Lyme pathogen, 20% for Anaplasmosis, and 10% for Babesiosis.
- Offered sharps collection and box exchange in collaboration with Franklin County Solid Waste Management District at all CPHS Walk-in Wellness hours: 118 boxes were exchanged.
- Supported the Franklin County Age- and Dementia- Friendly Communities initiative by enrolling 5 new towns, conducting a survey of needs and 4 focus groups for early 2022, and gathering participants for work groups to identify priorities from survey results, and participating on the steering committee.
- Provided guidance and training to the Board of Health members serving as agents for the Town
- Assisted businesses with the on-line permitting system, and provided technical support for applications of annual permits. Processed 27 annual permits for Leyden (including regional permits).
- Organized two low-cost 3-in-1 Food safety trainings (ServSafe®, Mass Allergens

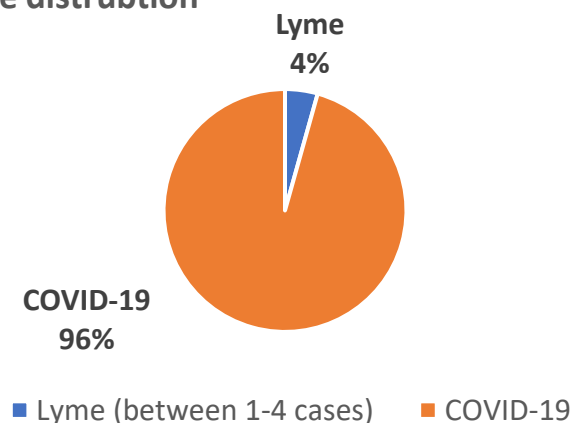
Awareness and Choke Saver with use of EpiPen® and Narcan®) for town residents and business employees.

- Conducted Title-5 (septic) code enforcement for the town. This included: witnessing six soil evaluation/percolation tests for septic systems; reviewing fourteen septic system plans, visiting these sites, conducting final installation inspections and preparing Certificates of Compliance; witnessing 10 Title-5 inspections prior to property transfer and assembling final paperwork; and issuing two local upgrade approvals.
- Conducted two retail food inspections, permitted and inspected four temporary food permits, and issued four well permits. Continued to assist Leyden businesses and residents with sanitary code compliance.
- Licensed and inspected one short-term rental unit.
- Provided information on the Mass in Motion Age-friendly municipal planning initiative and a memorandum of understanding to the Selectboard for work to be done in 2023.

We thank the residents of Leyden for the opportunity to serve them and look forward to working closely together to improve the health of the community in the coming year!

Leyden's representative to the CPHS Oversight Board in 2022 was Beth Kuzdeba, Board of Health member. For more information about the Board or the health district, visit www.frcog.org.

Leyden 2022: Reportable disease distrubtion



Annual Report of The Fred Wells Trustees

This trust fund was established under the Will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield, directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical or professional fields. Funds available for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 were \$295,229.56 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year).

EDUCATION

The Trustees received 172 applications and approved 171 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of \$169,700.00. This amount includes two \$1,000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees worked diligently throughout the year to provide all eligible applicants an award to assist in their education.

HEALTH

Five applicants were provided grants totaling \$84,892.51

The Care Collaborative	\$25,000.00
Community Health Center of Franklin County	\$7892.51
Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$10,000.00
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels Program	\$30,000.00
New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$12,000.00

Eight applicants were provided COVID Support Grants totaling \$25,875.00

Charlemont Senior Center	\$2,000.00
Conway Council on Aging	\$1,900.00
Greenfield Senior Center/Council on Aging	\$10,000.00
Heath Council on Aging	\$1,500.00
Leyden Council on Aging	\$1,500.00
Shelburne Falls Senior Center	\$4,500.00
South County Senior Center	\$4,475.00

Total Health Grants awarded were \$110,767.51.

AGRICULTURE

Three applicants were provided grants totaling \$14,761.48

Franklin County Agricultural Society

\$6,790.28

Heath Agricultural Society

\$6,347.44

Shelburne Grange Fair.

\$1,623.76

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawl Feldman

Franklin Regional Retirement System

Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 627 retirees, 50 beneficiaries, 1,086 active employees, and 681 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). We contract with an independent auditor to do a full audit of our system each year. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2021, we are 97.7% funded at 33 years (82.5%) into the 40-year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year; therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a

year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: www.FRRSMA.com.

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our state oversight commission, PERAC. The full PERAC report can be read on the "Finances" page of our website.

	CY 2021	CY 2020	CY 2019
<u>Balances</u>			
Cash	1,428,506	1,492,254	1,579,892
Investments	207,207,180	174,179,165	155,459,951
Receivables	97,899	101,506	73,637
Payables	2,581,944	2,209,591	2,988,090
Annuity Savings (members)	33,909,443	32,662,132	31,675,249
Retirement Reserves	170,813,691	140,901,202	125,438,231
<u>Revenues</u>			
Member's contributions	4,423,787	3,955,793	4,368,605
Towns, Schools, Agencies	7,684,673	7,268,256	6,871,971
Retirement Cost Sharing	546,491	565,436	516,330
Miscellaneous Revenue	21,318	11,867	10,781
Investment Income (net)	35,121,918	20,436,491	24,332,594
<u>Expenses</u>			
Retirement Benefits	12,576,161	12,010,238	11,329,395
Operating Expenses	605,897	590,757	567,347
Investment Expenses	1,056,568	820,937	837,388
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,808,102	1,956,450	2,262,262
Refunds to Members	591,658	409,606	390,827
<u>Investment Performance</u>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.89%	8.59%	8.47%
10 years	11.26%	9.31%	9.57%
5 years	12.32%	10.14%	7.79%
Current Year	20.40%	12.65%	17.92%
<u>Demographics</u>			
	01/01/2022	01/01/2020	01/01/2020
Members' Average Age	48.00	47.50	47.50
Members' Average Service	9.50	9.20	9.20
Members' Average Salary	41,628.00	37,982.00	37,982.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.90	72.80	72.80
Retirees' Average Pension	18,949.00	17,171.00	17,171.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	60.60	60.30	60.30
Disabled Members' Average Pension	28,793.00	29,998.00	29,998.00

Dale Kowacki

Executive Director

Franklin Regional Retirement System

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District Department of Veteran Services

District Annual Report CY22

Mission Statement: To advocate for veterans, their spouses, dependants, widows or widowers for Veterans' Benefits on the Local, State and Federal levels

Office has maintained continued outreach operations across the district. We have dramatically increased the amount of VA claims we have been completing due to increased VA Presumptive diseases for numerous eras of service:

- District now brings in \$1,850,500.00 in Federal and State money **per month** from all sources (VA, State Reimbursements, State Annuities and sales).
- Tim Niejadlik retired in October of 2022, with Chris Demars taking over as Director.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers. Brian Brooks, Veteran Service Officer, was named the Massachusetts Marine Corps League Commandant, representing Marine Veterans across Massachusetts for the second year in a row.
- Office participated in numerous protests against potential VA closures, this seems to have helped along with our local elected officials in keeping VA Leeds open for now.
- We project a slight increase for Fiscal Year 24 budget while continuing to expand services in 2023

Christopher Demars, Director

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

2022 Regional Animal Control Report

TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF LEYDEN:

In 2019, the Towns of Buckland, Colrain, Gill, Heath, Monroe, Northfield, and Shelburne join in partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to create the Franklin County Regional Animal Control program to provide full-time services to these towns.

During 2022, the Regional Animal Control Program welcomed the Towns of Bernardston, Conway, Leyden, and New Salem. With the addition of these (4) towns, the Regional Animal Control Program now provides Animal Control Services for (12) Towns. We also welcomed the addition of a part-time Animal Control Officer (Judie Garceau) to the program.

During 2022, Franklin County Regional Animal Control logged 693 calls for service.

Calls for Service:

- 🐾 21 call(s) for animal bites investigations.
- 🐾 21 call(s) for animal welfare checks.
- 🐾 147 call(s) for animal complaints.
- 🐾 84 call(s) regarding found animals.
- 🐾 15 call(s) for inspections.
- 🐾 16 call(s) for sick or injured animals.
- 🐾 50 Mutual Aid Requests.
- 🐾 45 Hearings, Meetings or Trainings.
- 🐾 11 Animal Surrenders.

**Note: The above does not represent all the calls that were received.*

Breakdown of calls by Town:

🐾 Bernardston:	<u>40</u>
🐾 Buckland:	<u>53</u>
🐾 Charlemont:	<u>29</u>
🐾 Colrain:	<u>74</u>
🐾 Conway:	<u>5</u>
🐾 Gill:	<u>55</u>
🐾 Heath:	<u>48</u>
🐾 Leyden:	<u>15</u>
🐾 Monroe:	<u>2</u>
🐾 New Salem:	<u>29</u>
🐾 Northfield:	<u>72</u>
🐾 Shelburne:	<u>56</u>
🐾 Other*:	<u>215</u>

between January 1st and December 31, 2022

In the spring of 2022 with the assistance of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter and local veterinarians Amy Rubin and Amy Tuominen we were able to host rabies clinics in Turners Falls and Heath.

We have also worked with local food pantries to keep them stocked with pet food for residents in need. If you are struggling to obtain food for your dog or cat or know of a pantry in need of pet food, Please reach out.

Anyone with Animal Control questions or issues can contact us by email at **animalcontrol@fcso-ma.us** or by phone at **413-774-7340**. If you have an urgent or immediate situation, please contact the Shelburne Falls Regional Communications Center at **413-625-8200**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Dragon, Lead Regional Animal Control Officer

Judie Garceau, Part-Time Regional Animal Control Officer

In Memoriam



Gayle Hall



Richard A. Fregeau



Craig Constantine



Virginia Stasny

Making a Movie in Leyden



