

## **Bernardston/Leyden Police Services Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday December 09, 2025 **Time:** 11:00am

**Location:** Bernardston Town Hall, 38 Church Street, Bernardston, MA

### Meeting Minutes

Present: Chief Palmeri, Peter Nai, Ginger Robinson, Erica Jensen, Liz Kidder, Chair, Emily Yazwinski, Ken Bordewiecks

Absent: Jane Dutcher

Audience: none present

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am

**Motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2025 minutes was made by Emily Y and seconded by Peter N**

Votes: Yes: Liz, Ginger, Peter, Erica. Ken not present when vote was taken.

Abstentions: n/a

### **Police Services Report/Updates**

Chief Palmeri reported that:

- Things are still going smoothly in his department.
- Traffic grant has just begun. Grant - \$20K. Traffic focused enforcement – between 2-4 hrs. OT is paid for under the grant. Will also update radar equipment under the grant. One traffic speed sign was also purchased.
- Current P/T officer is attempting to pick up shifts.
- CSO shifts are picking up. This is the season were there are generally more calls, so the CSO is stretched thin right now.
- Jim continues to work on the FY27 budget. Jim gave an approximate number, but we will know more in the next months.
- Call data: nothing extraordinary in terms of the data. When the IMA comes up, we should look at the data.

### **Committee review, concerns or questions regarding the IMA**

IMA review. PSAC to go section by section:

- Section 3 - adjust opening paragraph to quarterly reporting, Section H to read “firearms licensing”.
- Section 4 - Finance Committee chairs will look at weighted percentages.
- Section 5 - Remove all references to the ERG. Remove references to Leyden substation
- Section 6 and Section 7: To be discussed between Jane D and Ginger R
- Section 8: Liz suggested having a member from Leyden on the hiring/screening committee in the event a new chief needs to be hired.
- Section 9: No changes
- Section 10 – 23: Very Boiler plate. No changes
- Exhibit A: Assets. Will remove the asset list as there is negligible value
- Exhibit B: Cost of Services – to be reviewed by Jane D and Ginger R.

### **Leyden-Bernardston Regionalization grant updates**

Liz discussed the final reports coming from the Collins Center. Summary of the public survey. Will discuss timing of next public forum.

**Future agenda items:**

IMA discussion continues. Finance review by Jane and Ginger. IMA expires July 2026.

**Other topics not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:**

N/A

**Public Comment** – none presented.

**Schedule next meeting – March 3, 2026**, 11 A.M. in the Bernardston Town Hall

**Motion to adjourn was made by Emily Y and seconded by Peter N**

Passed unanimously.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by: Erica Jensen**