

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services and programming to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. The FRCOG's 2016 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2017 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific services to the Town of Leyden in 2016 included:

Administration and Special Projects

- Leyden is participating in the regional sign-making program, sharing equipment with ten other towns in Franklin County.
- Staff continues to work with members of the Selectboard, Finance Committee and with the Municipal Assistant to develop a long-range capital plan as part of the Baker-Polito Community Compact Program.

Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Leyden contracted with the FRCOG to receive cooperative bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY17 is \$198,716.
- Leyden participated in the #2 Fuel and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Leyden participated in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.
- Leyden participated in the Fire Alarm Maintenance program.

Cooperative Public Health Service Health District

Leyden is a comprehensive member of the CPHS health district, sharing health agents and a public health nurse.

- Leyden residents received 9 free and low-cost tick tests in 2016 through a district grant and local Board of Health funds, a savings of \$315 to residents. Twenty-two percent (22%) of ticks tested in Leyden carried the Lyme pathogen.
- Staff assisted with 5 retail food inspections, 1 summer camp inspection, and 1 outdoor swimming area inspection.
- Staff completed all state-mandated infectious disease investigations, reporting and case monitoring. Follow-up was provided as needed for one locally and 104 regionally reported incidents of communicable illness.
- Staff conducted 12 Title-5 (septic) related activities including Soil Evaluations, septic system plan reviews, Local Upgrade Approvals and inspections.
- Staff collaborated with the Council on Aging to provide services during Wellness Café and Health Olympics events at the Town Hall on three dates through the year. Thirteen (13) Leyden residents were served in 17 visits at these events.
- Staff coordinated vaccine and supplies for clinics reaching 60 Leyden residents at the Leyden Café and election polls.
- Through a FDA Food Safety Grant that will improve food inspection and data collection, the district offered residents low-cost access to important food safety training on ServeSafe, Choke Saver, and Allergens. Three (3) Leyden residents took the training.

- Staff provided technical assistance to the Board of Health with the implementation of their local septic regulations and private well regulations, including assisting homeowners in testing their well water at the time of property transfer.

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

- Staff issued 34 building permits, 18 electrical permits & 7 plumbing/gas permits for Leyden in 2016. Five (5) Certificates of Inspection were issued.

Partnership for Youth

- Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Pioneer Valley Regional School administrators on results from 149 Pioneer students, representing 75% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.
- Staff presented to the CPHS Annual Meeting on the Healthy Community Design Toolkit, Volume 2: Municipal Strategies to Increase Food Access.

Planning and Development Department

- Staff assisted with finalizing the Leyden Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was approved by FEMA in June 2016.
- Staff completed data requests for a private business in Leyden.
- Staff prepared a Draft Business Plan and Legislation for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project for 11 West County towns including Leyden, with specific recommendations and projects to support Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation & Municipal Financial Sustainability.

Regional Preparedness Program

- Staff conducted quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the *Pioneer Emergency Dispensing Site Plan*.
- Staff presented to the Board of Health information about the statewide plan for a potential outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, and the emergency response roles for local officials.

Workshops & Training

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Leyden public officials, staff, and residents attended and the number in attendance.

Cooperative Public Health Service

ServSafe/Choke Saver/Allergen Training Series — 3
Food Systems — 1

Municipal Official Continuing Education Series

Public Records Law — 1
Municipal Farmland Leasing and Protection — 1

Regional Emergency Preparedness

Orienteering — 2

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council

Vermont Vigilant Guard Fullscale Exercise — 1

Active Shooter Exercise Series — 1

