

Lamoine Comprehensive Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes August 25, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Fred Stocking @ 6:30. Those in attendance were Fred Stocking, Valerie Sprague, Mike Jordan, Richard McMullen, Wanda Whitener, Jen Boothroyd (Absent: Kathryn Gaianguest, Andrea Ames, Bob Christie)
2. Fred introduced Jen Boothroyd from the Hancock County Planning Commission who worked on the Transportation section of the Comp. Plan. Fred explained that Jen will be presenting her information she has gathered for this section before we accept the minutes from the last meeting.
3. Jen Boothroyd went over the Transportation Section using the Conditions and Trends Section from the criteria laid out by the State Planning Office. She shared a new map from the DOT which showed the usage of each road in Lamoine. She also shared another map that showed what state roads in Lamoine have had maintenance.
4. She thought we should put the map with traffic usage into the Comp. Plan.
5. Mike stated he could look at budgets to see which town roads have had maintenance.
6. Jen explained that the Maine Dep. of Transportation has embraced a policy called, Complete Streets, which provides funding for the planning of roads which are friendly to bikes, pedestrians, and automobiles. She also explained that In Lamoine it may be beneficial for the town to think about requesting the state to have roads widened for the benefit of pedestrians and bicyclists. Mike suggested it may also be beneficial for the town to think about having the roads widened for the same purpose.
7. Jen gave examples of where to find grant programs including: Healthy Acadia, DOT, Safe Route to School was also an option.
8. She encouraged us to look into federal program, Safe Route to Schools, which can be used on town roads. (Federal Program - DOT administers it) She thought it might be a perfect fit for Lamoine's needs.
9. She also stated there is a web site linked to MDOT that has a list of sources for funding.
10. There was a discussion of the roads in Lamoine and highly traveled areas. Valerie explained that the Mud Creek Road and Pinkham Flats are roads that commuters use to go to the Mount Desert Island.
11. She also said she had a list of trails and suggested having a discussion about what trails, if any, could be connected in Lamoine.
12. There was a discussion about what places in Lamoine had parking. Fred explained there needed to be more parking at the Town Hall, School, and Fire Department.
13. Had a discussion about how the committee would like to proceed with the Transportation Section. Jen said she could do a draft of the transportation section for plan, but it would not have goal and strategies because the committee would have to do that.
14. She also stated that we should not only rely on data, but look at what community wants. She gave the example of a traffic calming slow down such as a flashing light or traffic light. People in the community may know what might work the best.
15. Discussed traffic issues at the end of the Mud Creek Road. (Cars pull out too far, can't see by trees) Suggestions included having an island and/or painting better lines on the road. Wanda said she would like to know how much traffic is on the Buttermilk Road. Mike said he could look at Trenton or Ellsworth data set information.

16. Next meeting is September 15th and September 29. Jen will get the draft of the transportation section to us by Friday, September 23 so we can go over on the 29th.
17. Approved the July 2016 minutes with two corrections to be made. (Date of August meeting and Fred and Bob would only present their section on Aug. 25 if Jen was not available.)
18. A discussion took place about having drafts and other documents on the town website. Fred said he initially didn't see the need for the draft of the Forestry and Agriculture section to be on the website, but then after looking through the Comp. Plan Section of the website he found other documents that were included. Mike said certain documents might need to have the words, "Draft", written across the front. Valerie stated that the committee had initially decided on sending documents to Andrea who would then send them to Stu if the committee felt they should be on the website.
19. It was decided to table this discussion until then next meeting which would allow Kathryn, Bob, and Andrea to have input.
20. Fred shared information about Survey Monkey. He explained that it had an automatic renewal of \$300, and will find out if we can get a refund. The decision was made that If we could get a refund then we would cancel the renewal. If the committee decided to do another survey we could just start a new contract at that point.

NEXT MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 15 AND SEPTEMBER 29 AT 6:30.

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 pm