

Lamoine Comprehensive Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes May 5, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Fred Stocking @ 6:29 pm. Those in attendance were Val, Richard, Kathie, Fred, Mike, and Andrea.
2. Consideration of the minutes from April 21, 2016 -- moved and seconded by Kathie and Val. Passed 6-0 without additions or corrections.
3. Review of agenda: Kathie noted that she brought the evaluation comments typed up by Phyllis Mobraaten. Thank you, Phyllis!
4. Review of the May schedule: The April 21 meeting minutes accurately reflect the May schedule. We will discuss the Ag & Forestry section from Kathie and Val at the 6/9 meeting.
5. Discussion and decision on offer from HC Planning Commission: Would we like HCPC help to draft the Transportation section? Yes. Would we like help to draft the Marine Resources section? Yes. Fred corresponded with them, and it turns out they don't have any funding for this activity. They asked for us to support them, but Fred had some questions about how to do that. The committee supports Fred supporting them to get funding, assuming he can get enough info back from them about how to appropriately do this.
6. Discussion and decision on request for posting of "raw data" on the town web site: The committee received a request for written survey comments and the community meeting sticky-note content to be posted. We discussed the purpose of the information gathering – specifically for the committee to get input – and the value of posting data. We also questioned whether there could be specific interpretation, or even misinterpretation, of the information given that it is transcribed and that it is categorized. We discussed a policy to consider posting data only if it is requested.

Val moved/Kathie seconded that we put out information that is of interest to the public.

Andrea proposed a friendly amendment to the motion that we only post the comments from the survey and the community meeting input, transcribed verbatim, in accordance with the policy discussion.

Approved 6-0.

Andrea agreed to create PDFs of these documents and send them to Stu for posting.

The committee also discussed whether the meeting notes from the many group/organization meetings should be posted, as these are subjective, and they have not been formally reviewed by the committee. Kathie stated that she had some comments on some of these, and would send them to Fred. We decided that we would continue this discussion at the next meeting, after everyone has had a chance to review all of the meeting notes, to decide if we want to add these to the site, as well.

7. Fred led a review of his draft of the Housing section of the plan. We all agreed that it was, overall, outstanding and well represents what we have discussed to date. Fred took notes for updating the draft. Notes here reflect comments that were not specific to document updates.
 - Mike agreed to do some research to get the number of building permits since 2010 (it's on the town web site). Note that not all building permits are a net gain in housing – the owner might have had a trailer or their old house might have burned down, for example.
 - The most significant impact on multi-unit dwellings in Lamoine is building ordinances, not water and sewer. For example, needing specific amounts of road frontage and acreage for every dwelling unit. Mike agreed to look at the ordinances for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.
 - Fred would like any data we can find about young families and housing in this area.
 - ➔ This seems like a good area to explore in the follow-up survey.
8. Review of the draft of the Public Facilities and Services section: Scheduled for 5/26. Andrea will send out prior to the meeting.

9. Preparation for the May 9 meeting with the Parks Commission: Fred asked if there are any questions or topics the committee would like him to take to the meeting. Kathie wants to know if, and if so, how, they maintain Blunt's Pond. There was also some discussion of the bald eagle nesting area on the other side of the pond. How was it identified? Is it actually there? We determined that we'd likely have to go and look for it to know for sure.
10. Update of town maps: Kathie met with Gordon Longworth. His assistant will work on updating those (for free) - as much as she can complete before graduation (June 4). The highest priority map is the one that shows natural resources, including marine (marine might end up on a 2nd map). After that, we have to pay for anything between what's already done and what's critical and still to be done. We need to decide which of these we want printed. Any that are updated should be in a digital form that can be put on the town web site.
11. Next meeting: May 26, 2016, 6:30 pm, at the Town Office.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ames