

Lamoine Comprehensive Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes November 29, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Fred Stocking at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance were Mike, Fred, Andrea, Val, Wanda, Richard, and Kathie; Bob was absent.
2. Fred reviewed the agenda. Bob was absent, so we skipped the report on Select Board discussion of the Community Center and postponed the review of the draft Recreation section.
3. Consideration of the minutes from Nov 15, 2016.
Moved and seconded by Mike and Val to accept as amended. Passed 6-0.
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5. Fred updated the committee on the RFP for a contractor. Stu is presenting to Select Board on Nov 30. If accepted, the RFP will go out on Dec 23. Responses will be due Dec 29. Depending on how many we receive, and how voluminous they are, we will get copies to review prior to discussing. At the meeting following (proposed, Jan 10), we will review and come up with a recommendation for contractor. The Select Board meets Jan 12; we will present our recommendation then. Stu provided a list of potential RFP recipients to Fred. Fred reported that we have \$13,900+ left in our budget (out of \$15,000).
6. Public Facilities draft not ready to review, again, but the committee followed up on some questions from the last review. Fred requested input about the decline of public recycling rates from the Conservation Commission. Kathie asked for clarification about the Town Administrator section; Andrea captured notes and will include in next update. Kathie asked about social programs, and we decided to add a new section to capture Public Welfare Services: heating oil program, churches, community meals on Wed, fuel buyers group, general assistance program (run by the town), transportation, exercise class held at the church, friends of little children, 3 cemetery associations (Veteran's, East Lamoine, a new one for the Marlboro cemetery – Andrea will ask Stu what is the name of it).
7. The committee discussed how we want to approach developing the vision statement. Many approaches were suggested: Community meeting? If so, do we start with something or start from scratch? If we start with something, where does the meeting go from there? Maybe leave blanks in the statement, and see if folks can fill it in? Maybe, like Portland, a paragraph of vision for each plan section vs one long one at the front of the plan? Val thinks the Wayne statement is a format we could follow -- it's a strong one. Boothbay is another interesting one, and good at voicing what they want to preserve, but it's not as strong in the Economy section. Hampden's vision also has some similarities to our issues, and is more direct in language and straight forward. Randolph is similar -- more like a wish list than a vision, though, although it does get more specific. We will revisit this discussion in Jan. In the meantime, Fred to send us the community input, and we should all look at it and make a list the things that are important to the town. We should look at Wayne list to come up with a framework draft -- what would those look like if they were talking about Lamoine and took the community input (survey and meeting) into account? We need to remember that we need the plan to be concrete enough to measure progress. Vision can be broad and aspirational, but need to map quickly/easily down to goals and actions.
8. We also discussed the structure of the plan. Each section needs a goal list and an action list; these also need to be pulled out of the individual sections and into a single list.
9. We discussed considerations for how we might make the plan a "living plan?" How frequently would we want to review? If we review too frequently, we don't give things time to change. How do we measure progress against the plan?
10. Fred outlined the plan for the Dec 8 meeting:
Lamoine's economy
Report of Select Board discussion of Community Center (Bob)
Review Recreation section draft (Bob)
Review "final" Public Facilities draft (Andrea)
Discuss the Economy section (last priority -- ok if holds 'til Jan, so Fred can lead, if he is not able to make the Dec 8 meeting)

11. Upcoming meetings:

Schedule -- Dec 8, Jan 10, Jan 24

Topics for Jan -- Kathie and Val would like to go through Marine/water resources questions, Economy section (if we don't get to it Dec 8), Vision statement

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Ames