

Lamoine Comprehensive Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes March 23, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Fred Stocking @ 6:30 pm. Those in attendance were Val, Richard, Brett, Bob, Kathie, Fred, Mike, and Andrea. Bonnie Marckoon (guest)
2. Consideration of the minutes from March 3, 2016 -- moved and seconded by Brett and Bob. Passed 7-0 without additions or corrections.
3. Review of agenda -- no changes.
4. Review of community meeting.

Follow up: Survey(s)? We learned a lot about survey monkey questions (choose one answer), and we have a year of the service and could follow up on some things that came up at the meeting. See** in list below. Meeting(s)? See * in the list below.

Themes we heard in small groups:

- Val's group: Gravel pit issue -- protect natural resources.
** What does "protecting and conserving resources" mean? might be a good survey question.
- Bob's group: Mostly about shore front (accessibility) and natural resources -- exploring public/private shore access -- and reclamation and the economics/assessed value of the pit after it's done. Small business. Community center and intergenerational community mix.
** Maybe ask "what isn't adequate for shore access" in a follow-on survey.
- Bonnie's group: Coming together as a town and reinventing our sense of community. Community center for young and old. Gravel issue was mentioned only in context of noting that people who are maintaining a livelihood and want to do so in a quiet fashion. Quite a bit of small, quiet businesses in town without impact on natural resources. We can have economic development and do it in a conscientious fashion. Affordable housing came up.
** What is affordable housing? survey question
*Schedule a meeting on housing?
** What does the town need to do to support our businesses?

Reflections on the meeting: Kathie thought it was an extremely successful day, we got everything out of it that we wanted. Everyone thought the meeting was successful. Fred was happy that he had to do little organizing, etc. Andrea thought that the small-group process was very successful getting people to share. Mike was concerned about the percentage of people who are voting in town election, responding to survey, participating in the community meeting (and all roughly the same people, as 51 of the 60 completed the survey) -- 85% of town is not participating. What more can we do to get them to participate? Who are we not hearing from? Have to assume if they're not attending, etc., then they are happy with what's going on.

ACTIONS--Post-meeting follow-up actions:

- Valerie sent thank-you notes to: Shannon and David Byers, Steve Callahan, Kathy Massimmi, Cynthia Donaldson, Gordon Donaldson, Dawn McPhail, Honey Bee Heyman, David and Diane Sanderson, Stu Markoon, and Betty Eaton.
- Kathie thanked Chris James + gave him the \$100 to class trip collected at the meeting from community.
- Fred has a mug for David.
- Kathie will compile and group the input from the different small groups, and Mike will help.
- Fred (+ someone else to help) needs to construct the nuts and bolts parts of the plan that need to be done in specific ways per state requirements, etc.
- Andrea will read through meeting evaluations. Final count ~55.
- Bonnie will facilitate, again, if we do another community meeting. 😊

Next input when we put things out to get people's attention; do that so that we can use their feedback. Next meeting next year: present various sections of the plan and get input on those.

5. Kathie moved that we send \$50 to 8th grade for their class trip, as we agreed. Val seconded. Voted 6 -1 in favor.
6. Kathie proposed an art project in the school to get kids engaged in comprehensive planning / vision for the town. After some discussion, the suggestion was tabled for consideration later.
7. Upcoming meeting schedule -- Starting in May, Fred would like us to meet twice per month.
8. Topics for next meeting: It's time to shift gears: talk about difficult issues, determine where we want to go with them, and start writing it up. Fred will be calling folks to discuss on what topics each of us might take a leadership role.
9. Brett wondered if Bob will be stepping down from Comp Plan Committee due to election to Select Board, as has historically happened. Bob feels he can be objective and participate appropriately on this Committee, and he'd like to continue and see it through to the end. There's a law re: planning board and select board (and possibly appeals) due to what happens legally if there's a code violation, but it does not appear to extend to this committee.
10. Next meeting: April 21, 2016
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ames