Lamoine Comprehensive Planning Committee

AMENDED Meeting Minutes September 29, October 11, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by Fred Stocking at 6:32 pm. Those in attendance were Richard, Mike, Bob, Fred, Val, Wanda, Kathie, and Andrea.

2. Consideration of the minutes from Sept 29, 2016 -- moved and seconded by Bob and Val. Passed, as amended to fix discussion of Recreation in #6 and in attached notes (called “Transportation” by mistake): 6-0. (Kathie had not yet arrived.)

3. We discussed the review drafts (all but Public Facilities) scheduled for this meeting. Goal is to decide whether there’s something that must be done right away with these drafts? Or are they OK to be set aside for a bit while we work on new sections?

4. We reviewed the current Housing draft (Fred) and determined that it can be set aside for a bit, while we go on to other things.

5. We reviewed the current Agriculture draft (Kathie & Val) and determined that it can be set aside for a bit, while we go on to other things. Should we include Soils and Geology information from the old comprehensive plan in his section? We want a nice map that shows good vs. bad agricultural soils. Mike thinks he can download a soil-type map from state’s GIS site. If he can’t, Fred says there’s someone from Main Farmland Trust who can help us pull together data for this.

Rewrite page 2, 2nd-to-last paragraph, last sentence: Clarify that it’s not that the town DOESN’T support farming, but that farmers could use more specific kinds of support from the town, such as town having an online business directory would be useful to farmers as well.

6. We reviewed the current Historical and Archaeological Resources (Fred) and determined that it can be set aside for a bit, while we go on to other things, unless Fred finds no mention of historic or archaeological sites in the gravel pit ordinances (see last comment in this section, below).

Mike very quickly did a great job of pulling together all Building and Land Use Ordinances that relate to this section – THANK YOU, Mike!

Fred will check gravel pit ordinances to see if there are any references to historic or archaeological sites, as this might be a gap; Fred will let us know if anything he finds anything that would change this section and will bring it back for review. Because there are no more new sites being permitted, perhaps this isn’t an issue going forward.

7. Transportation and Roads (Fred & Bob) and determined that it can be set aside for a bit, while we go on to other things, after Fred rewrites one paragraph (mentioned in first comment, below).

Fred has plans to add some additional information to "A third method of assessing road conditions is through the subjective impressions of residents," such as insecurity around the Jordan River Rd/Douglas Highway intersection, as discussed in our last meeting, and (per Kathie) some road safety for walkers and bikers from community meeting and 2015 survey.

Richard believes the town roads are in great condition and state roads are a little behind. He noted a few issues: the sight line where Mud Creek comes into 204 could be cleaned out a bit for visibility when turning left on Mud Creek continuing on 204 toward Markboro from East Lamoine, bad sight line at Walker Rd and Partridge Cove Rd, and not much space/shoulder for walking and biking on any roads, but could be cleaned out a bit more, like Richard did on Asa’s lane.

McQuinn and Raccoon Cove were paved this year.

Kathie will excerpt anything from community meeting for this section and send to Fred.

Fred to fix section numbering changes resulting from latest update of the document.

Do we need to make recommendations in the Issues and Goals section? We need to decide this in our structural discussion next week. Put it all in one place? Or put specific recommendations in context? We can do both; Andrea mentioned MS Word’s cross-referencing function (an entire paragraph can be referenced to make a “copy” in an aggregated list of recommendations, for example).

Is there any way to address the "pass through" problem -- Mud Creek, Pinkham Flats, Jordan River roads? Maybe a traffic calming sign. Maybe one that takes license plate pictures for issuing speeding tickets. This would be a
good topic for a detailed/drill-down survey. We should also survey the Slow Ride Sunday folks about safety. Put something about Slow Ride Sunday in this section, and in Recreation.

8. Thu, 10/20, there is a Boards and Committee Chairs meeting of Board of Selectman. No specific agenda. Bring ideas, concerns for discussion. Select Board’s goals are on the Web site. Let Fred know if there’s anything we should raise in that meeting. Fred will let everyone in that meeting know that we still have SurveyMonkey access that anyone can use.

9. November meeting(s): Fred still discussing with Stu.

10. Fred updated the status report spreadsheet.

11. We discussed upcoming meetings.
    In our next meeting, we will review Public Facilities. Andrea will provide latest draft, updated with Stu’s comments and including Richard’s solid waste section. We will also review structural considerations of the plan document.
    Fred will put group discussion of economics on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.
    Is this meeting frequency and duration working for folks? Yes. Feel productive. Attendance is good.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Ames