

Lamoine Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting with Lamoine's Little Children

Name of Group: Lamoine's Little Children

Date of Meeting: October 15, 2015

Chair or contact person: Cynthia Donaldson

Phone number:

Number of people attending: 7

LCPC: Fred, Andrea, and Kathie

Lamoine's Little Children: Cynthia Donaldson, Amy Duym, Anne LaBossiere, and Lois Libby

Focus or primary responsibility of group: Early childhood education and health; support for families with young children. The group is following through on the Resolution of the Select Board of March 13, 2012 in support of increased services for children in the very early years.

Work of this group in actively planning for the future: Advocating for Pre-K education in the Lamoine School; moving and remodeling the school library and stocking it with books and a setting appropriate for pre-school children. Regular meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the school library. Topics have included gun safety and fire safety. Established a morning play group in the church on day a week.

Expressed concerns of group relating to focus or primary responsibility: Goals are: Reducing barriers to families with young children moving to, and remaining in, Lamoine; establishment of a community center on the school grounds for public meetings, a library and children's space; adequate day care, nursery school and child care in Lamoine. Create ways/places for bringing together all ages, particularly grandparents and grandchildren. Make the school a part of community life in Lamoine for everyone. Establishment of pre-kindergarten program.
Expressed concerns of individuals on matters not related to focus or primary responsibility: Day space for both old and young while parents and caregivers work; job opportunities and affordable housing for families with small children; sidewalks; events that would attract the summer people in Lamoine to community activities. Sidewalks in a village area near the school. A trail around Blunt's Pond and more ice cream.

Follow up: **Get a copy of the 3/13/13 Select Board Resolution**