

Lamoine Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting with the Lamoine Recreation Committee

Name of Group: Lamoine Recreation Committee
Date of Meeting: 12/12/2015
Chair or contact person: Greg Stone

Phone number:

Number of people attending:

For LCPC: Fred, Bob, Val, Mike and Kathie

For Rec Committee: Greg Stone, Elizabeth Stanley, Becky Mason, Heidi Garrison and Patti Haslam

Focus or primary responsibility of group: Increasing the recreational opportunities and programs available in Lamoine for all residents.

Work of this group in actively planning for the future: The Rec Committee is a new group, just set up in 2015 (Establishment of a Recreation Committee was a goal set by the 1996 Lamoine Comprehensive Plan). They felt an immediate need for youth program and set up a youth soccer program (for kids too young for the YMCA teams?), and pee wee cheering. Adult basketball pick-up games, and Slow Ride Sundays followed. The Rec Committee tried to determine which roads were safest for biking and publicize them as routes in hope of slowing traffic down. Summer Family Fun Days were an attempt to get families doing something together across the generations but they were not well attended.

The Rec committee is planning a survey of town goals for a rec program [Fred gave them the relevant pages from the LCPC survey, including the separate pages of comments on recreation issues.]

The Rec Committee has a means of getting things done by finding people who want to do something and then “supporting the heck out of them.”

Very much in focus on older folks in need of recreation and are open to helping support a trail system. They would like to get a tennis program in the Town, perhaps on a private court as there are no public courts in town.

As to the State Park, the rec Committee was able to get them to waive the entrance fee for short bike rides into and out of the park, but the issue of a fee reduction or waiver for Lamoine residents needs to be negotiated by the Select Board.

Expressed concerns of group relating to focus or primary responsibility: The town needs a larger gym, and also lacks bike lanes and tennis courts and other recreational facilities other than a couple of hiking trails and the school

ballfield. The Rec Committee noted, however, that the school was very supportive and helpful and willing to share its facilities for town-sponsored activities.

The group hopes to come up with a comprehensive list of the recreational opportunities in not just Lamoine, but the surrounding area. More publicity about Blunt's Pond and coordination with the Parks Commission and the Conservation Commission were other suggestions about getting the word out. The group has an active Facebook page.

Interesting facts/ideas that came out of the meeting: There are maintained, but underutilized, private tennis courts down in Partridge Cove.

Follow up: Get a copy of the list of recreational opportunities in the area when it is available (perhaps collaborate on it?)