

Lamoine Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting with Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department

Name of Group: Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department

Date of Meeting: October 21, 2015

Chair or contact person: George (Skip) Smith, Chief

Phone number:

Number of people attending: 10+

LCPC: Fred, Brett, Val, Mike and Bob

Fire Department: George Smith, John Smith, Doug Jones, Mike Jordan, Brett Jones, Bernie Johnson, and other fire fighter gathering for clam chowder

Focus or primary responsibility of group: Fire prevention and fire-fighting, water rescue, other emergency response work (emergency work coordinated by the County)

Work of this group in actively planning for the future: Capital plans around equipment acquisition, planning for better sources of water for the pumper, recruiting new, and particularly younger, firefighters, consideration of need for paid staff.

Expressed concerns of group relating to focus or primary responsibility:

Recruitment of younger firefighters- There are 15 very active firefighters, but they are mostly older- in their 50's. Fifteen younger fire fighters would be good. There are four new recruits and retention tends to be good once folks get involved. The last Junior Fighters were in the 1980's.

Daytime coverage is a problem as most volunteers work elsewhere.

Parking is a problem during school events.

Getting a 10,000 gallon tank that's on the Cold Spring Water system would be good. The tank at the Grange is smaller and has to be filled from the tank. Pond water is too hard on the equipment to be a viable source.

County Emergency coordination good, but the ability to use the Lamoine School as an emergency shelter could be improved.

Long Driveways are an issue, not so much because of the length, but because folks don't cut the vegetation alongside the travelled way. A fire truck needs 14 feet from top to bottom and 14 feet from side to side. A firm ordinance

requirement might be good, but would raise issues of enforcement and costs of enforcement.

Interesting facts/ideas that came out of the meeting: The Fire Department would like to put a water tank about where the current front portable is at the school. Moving that portable would also provide more parking space.

Follow up: None noted.