

Memorandum

To: Lamoine Comprehensive Plan Committee
From: Fred Stocking and Bob Christie
Date: 3/25/2015
Re: **Historical and Archaeological Resources**

Meeting with Anne Stocking, keeper of the Lamoine Historical Society Archives. We reviewed:

The 1996 Comprehensive Plan. The Introduction to the 1996 Plan contains two sections relevant here: "A Short History of Lamoine" written by Jo Cooper, and "Archaeological Resources," written by Anne. There is a note under Public Facilities and Services about the thirteen cemeteries (3 currently active) in Town.

Under "Recommendations of the Committee" there are two (pp. 53-54), one asking the Historical Society to draw up a list of houses and sites of historical significance, and the other dealing with development on Lamoine's 224 miles of "archaeologically sensitive" coastline. Preliminary indications are that the first of these is unfulfilled, but that there are Lamoine ordinance provisions requiring identification of archaeological resources on subdivisions in the shoreland zone.

State Data Set. State data is limited to the attached map, and three brief lists of historical and archaeological resources.

Meeting with Anne Stocking of the Lamoine Historical Society. Anne stressed that the focus of the historical society is to collect and preserve items of historical interest and, insofar as possible without damage to the item, to make them available to aid the public in research on Lamoine's history.

The Lamoine Historical Society (LHS) owns the old church at 362 Lamoine Beach Road, near Coyne Field and the East Lamoine Cemetery. This church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as "First Baptist Church" (but is not listed at all on the State Data compilation of such buildings in Lamoine). Most of the objects, as opposed to documents, which LHS owns are stored there. In addition they maintain an archive of documents, maps, photographs and other materials, currently stored in donated space, with more than 30 named collections, organized by donor or subject matter. Finding Aids (organized of lists of collection contents) have been written for 12 of these. Developing finding aids for the remaining collections is an on-going project.

Included among the LHS collection is the "House Book" of Arthur Reynolds, a compilation of information and stories about Lamoine houses, and three notebooks of photographs of Lamoine houses by Lamoine pastor Neal Bousfield. Both date to the 1930's. There are also two books on Lamoine, each dating from the 1880's: Lamoine,

A Place of Summer Sojourning, and Fountain Laval. Both include photographs and text and were published as promotional material for planned developments in Lamoine.

In terms of the future, Anne would like to see a Historic District around the Grange corner. Several of the houses there were built by members of the same family and share architectural features.

LHS meets only in the good weather months, and generally presents three programs each summer.

Next Steps: Anne has agreed to do several things for the Comprehensive Plan. She will discuss with LHS when and in what format LHS would like to meet with LCPC members. She will review her piece on Archaeological Resources and ask Jo Cooper to do the same with her Short History of Lamoine.

Fred will check the current Lamoine ordinances to see what mention is made of historic and archaeological sites.

Possible areas to explore further: catalogue of historic buildings, process and consequences of Historic District designation, and urging the Town to seek grant funding for a history of Lamoine.