

**LAMOINE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF LAMOINE  
606 DOUGLAS HIGHWAY  
LAMOINE, MAINE 04605**

**Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2002.**

The Meeting started at 7:12 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Fred Stocking (Chair), Nancy Pochan, and Raymonde Dumont. Pat Wallace and Susan Wuorinen were both absent due to illness.

Others Attending: Carol Korty, Rhonda from the Ellsworth Weekly and Stuart Branch.

Agenda Review: Fred Stocking reviewed the Agenda and noted that Stuart Branch was present at the Commission's request to discuss the need for a Parks Ordinance, and the Commission agreed to take that matter up first.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the November 11, 2002, meeting were reviewed and approved and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Election of Officers: The Chair noted the need to elect a Secretary of the Commission. After some discussion, this item was passed over to the next meeting.

Discussion of potential Park Ordinance:

An obvious issue for any Park ordinance the Town might pass is enforcement. The Chair called attention to the recent newspaper article quoting Stu Marckoon as saying that Lamoine was going to form a citizen's watch committee. Carol noted that Stu had claimed that this was a reporting error.

Stuart Branch said that he had called the Hancock County Sheriff and had been told that the Sheriff's office would not enforce a Lamoine Ordinance, just state law. Fred noted that even so, there might be some benefit to posting hours at the parks. Although the sheriff might only enforce state law, someone partying after hours might be committing the state infraction of trespass if the hours were posted. All felt that the great likelihood is that anyone found after hours by a deputy sheriff would be asked to leave and would leave—which is what happens now.

Stuart said that as an abutter to the swimming hole at Blunt's Pond he would be in favor of a Park Ordinance, even with modest expectations about enforcement. His specific suggestions for inclusion in an ordinance were: prohibit glass containers, paint, soap or shampoo in the pond, camping overnight, fires. Suggestions from others included a ban on motors on Blunt's Pond and a ban on fires at all Town parks except in designated fireplaces.

There was a discussion of the access road to the snowmobile club. The club itself is on land long-term-leased from the Whitcomb family. No one has a deeded right of way to use the road. Stuart plows it. Fred asked if Stuart favored a gate on the road that would prevent people from driving up the road after hours. Stuart is not adamantly opposed to a gate, but he is concerned about a possible backlash against his property by those resentful of the gate and he is very clear that he would not be interested in being responsible for opening and closing the gate.

Rae discussed her review of the ordinances Stu Marckoon provided. All of them were from bigger towns with police forces, but she felt the Bar Harbor ordinance had some things to offer. A lot of its provisions were written to decrease the impact of recreational uses on the surrounding neighborhood. **Rae agreed to mark up the Bar Harbor ordinance to highlight the ideas that might be useful in Lamoine and pass it on to Fred to review.**

Report from Gravel Pit Reclamation Working Group: Fred gave a short report on the work of the group. The Commission urged the Working Group to meet again and then bring a list of specific issues to the full Commission for action. **The Working Group will meet next on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

Discussion of Development Concerns- How do we start? The group held a quick brainstorming session on ways that the Commission might approach the issue of development in Lamoine. Specific goals mentioned were protection of wildlife habitat, improvement in the hike-ability and bike-ability of Lamoine, development of a center of stores and shops, and a retirement community with access to shopping. Specific strategies mentioned were: Educational speakers on development issues; a survey of townspeople to identify special places in Lamoine; articulate and develop alternative visions of the future of Lamoine and develop a statistical measure of Lamoine showing trends in building permits, subdivision units and other indications of development pressure. Rae announced that Barbara Cherry of the Maine Critical Areas Program will speak to the Conservation Commission at our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Rae agreed to do a press release in advance of this talk.**

Planning Board Report: Carol Korty reported to the Planning Board on our progress at their last meeting. Carol noted that she has been attending all of the Planning Board meetings on the Commission's behalf and that she will be out of town until May. **Rae agreed to attend the January Planning Board Meeting and Fred agreed to attend the February meeting.**

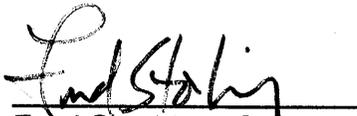
Citizen concerns: Carol Korty reported on her efforts to put together a request for an estimate for some aquifer work by a hydrogeologist. Carol also reported on her efforts to arouse interest in getting some standing water in the large Dick King pit by the general store covered over during the upcoming road construction in that area. She

has been to the Planning Board and the Selectfolk without generating a lot of interest.

There was a discussion of Ken Smith's concern that the Gerber report may indicate that continued gravel extraction behind the current Goodwin pit and in the area of the new Jordan pit behind Blunt's Pond may remove a head of land that is important to the Cold Spring Water Company water supply. Apparently there is some talk of Cold Spring Water Co using grant money available to it to explore this possibility further.

With a reminder that the Commission will devote a substantial portion of the January meeting to a discussion of the need for a forestry ordinance for Lamoine, the meeting adjourned shortly after 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Stocking", written over a horizontal line.

Fred Stocking, Chair  
Lamoine Conservation Commission