

Lamoine Conservation Commission
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605

Minutes of the Meeting of July 8, 2009

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Fred Stocking, Carol Korty, Amy Morley, Bob Pulver, Annie Crisafulli (Alternate) and Nancy Pochan (alternate);

Others present: Joan Strout, Larry and Lois Libby

Agenda Items:

- 1) Welcome New Commission Member: Amy Morley was welcomed to the commission and praised for her willingness to help out and work to date
- 2) Selection of Chair and Secretary: After a brief discussion, Bob Pulver was selected to be the Chair of the Commission and Fred Stocking the Secretary by unanimous vote. Bob Pulver assumed the chair for the balance of the meeting and Fred Stocking took notes.
- 3) Review of Agenda and Minutes of the June Meeting: The Agenda was reviewed briefly and without changes. There being no June minutes to review, this item was passed.
- 4) Follow-up of the Drinking Water Policy Discussion—Review of Aquifer educational pamphlet work: Willem Brutsaert's four-page draft with schematic sketch and maps was circulated. There was unanimous praise for Willem's clear expression of complicated science. Amy explained the sketch and there were minor suggestions for clarifying it. There was a consensus that rather than use Willem's work as the basis for a brief pamphlet, it was important to retain it in its entirety for use by the Town, both in paper and electronic form.

There was a substantial discussion about how to present the material. Fred suggested a two-tier approach, putting all the material together for electronic distribution and giving a copies to all Selectfolk and Planning Board members and having a few at the Town Hall, but having a shorter, more pointed version as a general hand-out. Larry Libby suggested that the handout might be simply a brochure generating interest in the full presentation. Annie felt strongly that everyone should get as much information as we had. She also emphasized not relying on electronic transmission of the material, but to produce an eye-catching paper product. There was also discussion about the size and format of whatever is produced. Several people advocated for including a map which would allow people to locate their own homes in relation to the aquifer. In the end, the Commission decided on a work session on these issues on July 29th at 6 p.m. **Fred** will draft up what he has in mind and the group will attempt to reach a consensus on what presentation will be most effective.

Fred also said that he would contact Mike Garrett of the Planning Board and find out when the next work session on water issues is to be.

Amy will re-draw the schematic sketch.

- 5) Preparation for Eelgrass restoration workday: Carol reported on the progress towards Lamoine participation in an eelgrass restoration program on July 27th (bad weather date July 31st). There are several girl scouts from Lamoine that will participate, along with Carol, Lolly Lovett, Rae Dumont and Georgeanna Pulver. Wet suits and training will be provided. The details of what the group will be doing are not entirely clear, but the event will start at Lamoine Beach, and continue by kayak to the Jordan River. The event will take half a day and conclude with a meal. It may still be possible for others interested to participate, but they need to say so soon. Contact **Carol** Korty with interest or questions (667-4441)
- 6) Planning Board and Selectman concerns: None were reported.
- 7) Listening to the concerns of those attending: Fred noted several items emanating from the Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation Service, including the availability of aerial photos of individual properties for \$10.00 (two color copies), a Lakes Survey for invasive plants August 10-16; and training in water quality and invasive plant control. There was a postcard from Emily Posner, a drinking water advocate who spoke to the Commission in February to come to the world premiere in Waterville Sunday of a movie [title?] featuring Maine citizens. Bob reported that he took Hancock County Planning Commission scenic view staff to four Lamoine sites: Marlboro Beach, The Mud Creek S-curve, Lamoine Beach and Lamoine Harbor, and is hopeful that at least some of these sites will be listed as views of statewide significance.
- 8) Interest in Shellfish Protection Ordinance: Carol reported that James Norris of Marlboro had requested that the Select Board move ahead to develop a Shellfish Harvesting Ordinance for Lamoine a couple of weeks ago. More recently, the Select board appointed a committee to pursue such an ordinance, which includes Mr. Norris. There is a meeting Tuesday the 14th at 2 p.m. at the Hancock Town Hall to explore a joint effort by five Towns to coordinate harvesting and preserve the health of the resource. The Commission strongly supports this effort, and will stay in touch with developments to see if and how we might be helpful. **Carol and Bob** will try to attend the Tuesday meeting.
- 9) Planning for August picnic and star-gazing event: Nancy reported that Linda Penkalski is once again willing to lead a star-gazing session. To avoid the full moon, the event is scheduled for August 19th, with a cloud date of August 26th. The tentative schedule is to start with a picnic at Lamoine Beach and move to Marlboro for the stargazing. We will do drafts of various publicity pieces and add review of these and finalization of plans for the event to the agenda for the July 29th work session. **Nancy** will coordinate with Linda Penkalski, **Fred** will do a basic publicity piece, **Amy** will design a flyer, **Carol** will distribute flyers, **Bob** will get a spot on the local radio and **Joan** will contact the Norrises, who own part of Marlboro Beach, so they will know what is going on.
- 10) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stocking
Secretary
Lamoine Conservation Commission

Reviewed and accepted with minor revisions by the Lamoine Conservation Commission on September 9, 2009
by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Fred Stocking, Secretary