

Lamoine Conservation Commission
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605
Minutes of the Meeting of May 12, 2010

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Bob Pulver (Chair), Fred Stocking (Secretary), Carol Korty, Amy Morley, David Schick, and Nancy Pochan (alternate);

Others present: Willem Brutsaert

1. Review of minutes of the February Meeting: Minutes of the February Meeting were read and approved as corrected, 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

2. Review of minutes of the April Meeting: Minutes of the April Meeting were read and approved, 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

3. Tapped: There will be two further presentations, May 16th at Reel Pizza in Bar Harbor at 1 p.m. and May 18 at the Ellsworth City Hall at 6:30. At least one LCC member should attend each showing.

4. Eelgrass: Bob and Carol met with a group working on eelgrass restoration in north Frenchman Bay at the MDI Biolab. The plan for this year is to:

Begin exploratory work in Raccoon Cove;

Examine the previous years' restoration work; and

Proceed to water testing and planting eelgrass in Berry Cove.

The specific task of the LCC will be to recruit workers

In terms of specific scheduling, July 29th and 30th have been designated for kayak mapping of existing eelgrass in Berry Cove. Fred suggested that the LCC propose a Resolution for selectfolk consideration asking for mussel harvesters to voluntarily avoid harvesting in the planting area. No action was taken.

5. Future program on wind power: Bob proposes that we get a July speaker on wind power issues. He is in contact with someone knowledgeable about the proposed municipal consortium in the Blue Hill Area. The idea was well-received and Bob will pursue a speaker.

6. Shore Clean-up: The date for the shore clean-up is Saturday September 18th. Ron Greenburg of Bar Harbor is the overall coordinator. Fred will put out a call for help in organizing the cleanup.

7. Long-Range Brainstorming: Bob prompted the LCC to articulate long-range goals for the LCC. We went around the table: Fred: Coordination with Trenton on the Jordan River eelgrass nursery and with Hancock on pollution and clean-up issues in the Skillings River as the area becomes an accessible recreation area, and coordination with Frenchman Bay towns on light pollution ordinance. Nancy: educating the Town about Peak Oil and the consequences for the towns and better coordination between local conservation commissions and organizations. Carol: study groundwater flow in town to evaluate the impact of gravel pits on groundwater. David: Creation of green space and recreation trails. Amy: Increase recycling. Bob: Cooperate more with the Planning Board.

Fred agreed to talk to Gordon Donaldson about this issue and to send this list out to the Planning Board.

8. Star-gazing in August: Nancy reports that Linda Penkalski would do another star-gazing event in August. Tentatively the LCC set August 11th as the night. We will begin at the Town park for a potluck picnic and move over to Marlboro Beach for the star-gazing.

9. Other Matters: Appreciation: Nancy did a splendid job of appreciating the efforts of many people in advancing water issues in Lamoine. She noted the great accomplishment of getting aquifer protection amendments and a shellfish conservation ordinance passed at the recent Town meeting. She would like to move forward to create a Water Watch committee.

10. Other Matters: Maine Environmental Literacy Plan: A consortium of groups, including some in State government, staffed by the Maine Audobon Society, is working on a Maine Environmental Literacy Plan and is looking for good ideas about how to raise the environmental literacy of public school graduates. Amy attended a Bangor public session and described the GET WET! Program to the group. More information is available at maineaudobon.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stocking
Secretary
Lamoine Conservation Commission

Reviewed and approved by the Lamoine Conservation Commission on June 9, 2010 by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Fred Stocking, Secretary