

Lamoine Conservation Commission
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605
Minutes of the Meeting of June 9, 2010

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

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

Others present: Michael Jordan

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

2. Planning Board and Selectman Concerns: The Commission reviewed the Planning Board's long-range planning list (attached). With respect to Gravel pit reclamation: Fred noted that he had found the DEP best management practices protocol online and had forwarded it to Gordon Donaldson. Fred also volunteered to spend some time researching the legal issue raised by 2(d) on the list. He also volunteered to find the recommendations made by the LCC some years ago and to find out what the Planning Board had done with them. Nancy suggested asking Mike Jordan about the taxation of gravel pits. Mike showed up and said that gravel deposits were taxed as back land at \$1,500/acre until they became licensed, then the tax assessment jumps to \$30,000/acre. Mike stated his view that gravel pits should not be subject to reclamation rules, as they would grow back naturally. He also acknowledge that the State of Maine did not permit this approach.

As to subdivisions and the requirements for greenspace, Carol asked how we could make the case that subsequent subdividers had to provide open space when each individual subdivision is only 11 lots. Fred said that the LCC should take primary responsibility for making the case for open space/greenspace. The reality in Lamoine has been that each subdivision has benefited from undeveloped land around the formal subdivision. As future subdivisions border existing subdivisions, this will not be the case and the Town has to make sure that open space doesn't disappear. Bob points out that the Mitchell Center now has the computer capacity to model what the Town would look like if it were built out in accordance with current ordinances. Carol finds and displays the map that COA did seven years ago which shows what Lamoine would look like built out on one acre lots. There was a consensus that the LCC should use its Open Space Inventory to begin to make the case for open space. A work session on the Open Space Inventory was set for Wednesday, June 30th at 3 p.m. at the Town Office.

3. Shore Clean-up: Carol has talked to Jim Norris and Paul Davis of the Shellfish Conservation Commission who are supportive of the Shore Clean-Up set for September 18th. The suggestion was that we have a community picnic at the State Park after the clean-up. We decided to concentrate on Lamoine Beach and Marlboro Beach and do more (perhaps the area between Lamoine Beach and the State Park) as resources permit. We will need a dumpster at an accessible location, and need to clear with the Town that it will cover the tipping costs of the additional trash. Bob said he would check in with Stu on these issues. Amy reported on her contacts with the larger Shore Clean-up efforts centered on MDI and organized primarily by Friends of Acadia. The LCC authorized her to contact that group and sign Lamoine up as a participating community. Bob pointed out that as we may not meet much between now and September, we will have to do task lists by e-mail.

4. Tapped: Amy reported that the Ellsworth showing in particular was a great success, with 45 folks in

attendance and an article on its impact in the most recent Ellsworth American. Amy reviewed the finances of the project. Project partners have been slow to kick in their shares, but Amy is sure that they will do so. Amy was commended for her outstanding efforts in getting this project so much attention. The LCC authorized reimbursement of all her expenses as money becomes available.

5. Lamoine Quarterly: Amy will do a piece on Tapped. Carol will do an article on eelgrass restoration.

6. Wind Power: Bob has a speaker lined up for July 14th to give us “Windpower 101.” He will confirm with the speaker and get out an e-mail notice to us all. We are to do the usual with respect to refreshments. Bob will coordinate (or do) the necessary publicity.

7. Stargazing: Nancy confirms that the stargazing is all set for August 11th. There will be a potluck picnic at 6:30 at Lamoine Beach Park and then star-gazing at Marlboro Beach when the sun goes down. The “cloud date” is August 18th. Nancy notes that someone needs to do a poster.

8. Selectman’s Meeting: Bob notes that the Selectfolk would like to meet with the LCC on July 1st at their regular meeting. Bob will prepare a summary of LCC work for distribution. Fred noted that he had a family obligation that night and would not attend.

9. Eelgrass Restoration Project in Berry Cove: Carol reported that the eelgrass restoration project will proceed on the following schedule:

July 13-14: Eelgrass will be harvested in the Jordan River. No volunteers are needed for this stage.

July 16th: At the State Park eelgrass will be tied onto grids for planting off Old Point in Berry Cove starting at 7:30 AM. About 16 folks would be useful for this chore, which is time-consuming, but needs to be done quickly, as planting of the grids must occur when tide is still low. The grids will be set as soon as Lamoine volunteers have finished attaching the eel grass to them. Folks are encouraged to watch this from land and not from boats. They may use Korty’s stairs down to the shore on Berry Cove and walk along the shore to Old Point.

Lee Hudson has gained the voluntary agreement of mussel draggers to stay away from the Berry Cove restoration area.

July 29th: At 6:30 AM, kayaks will explore Raccoon Cove for existing eelgrass beds. Kayaks will be available, folks should bring their own personal flotation device..

The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stocking
Secretary
Lamoine Conservation Commission

Reviewed and approved by the Lamoine Conservation Commission on September 8, 2010 by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Fred Stocking, Secretary