

Lamoine Conservation Commission
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, ME 04605
Minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 2010

The meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

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

1. Review of minutes of the September 8th Meeting: Minutes of the September 8th Meeting were considered without reading and approved 5 in favor and 0 opposed with one minor correction.

2. Planning Board and Selectman Concerns: The LCC considered the recent requests for assistance and input from the Lamoine Planning Board:

Gravel Pit Reclamation and Revegetation: Fred noted that he had forwarded to the Planning Board the recommendations made by the LCC several years ago, primarily that topsoil scraped from pit sites preparatory to mining gravel be preserved onsite and re-spread over the site during revegetation. **Bob** agreed to do some research at the Hancock County level. **Fred** agreed to ask the Planning Board to share the provisions of other Town ordinances which the Planning Board has collected. **Fred** also agreed to find the current State standards for restoration of State-licensed pits.

Cluster Housing: The Planning Board is seeking input from the LCC about areas of Lamoine which would be appropriate for cluster housing. **Carol** agreed to review the maps of good potential housing sites prepared by the COA class on development which studied Lamoine. **David** agreed to review the Beginning with Habitat maps for useful data. **Fred** agreed to review the “yellow book” study and maps of Lamoine Soils to determine its usefulness in this effort.

3. Coastal Clean-Up: The Clean-up happened to hit a beautiful day. 16 volunteers gathered 135 pounds of trash over two and one-half miles of shore from Lamoine Beach to Berry Cove. Nancy, Annie and David also worked around Raccoon Cove on a separate day. David was impressed at how clean the northern shore of Raccoon Cove was. Most of the trash was bottles, cups, and building materials. The Town Harbor Master, David Herrick, picked up larger items in his skiff and was generally very helpful. Local clam diggers worked the area on another day.

Generally, working with the State Park was a success. The publicity was good and the Bangor Daily News ran a nice article afterwards. Thoughts for future years: Amy would like to work up information on what trash does to the marine environment. Nancy suggests putting a call on CATV for people to adopt and regularly clean a stretch of shoreline. Annie would like to clean up dog feces at Marlboro Beach. She will contact the Parks Commission about the possibility of putting up a sign.

4. Potential Grants: Amy is getting experience in grant-writing and is interested in putting this to work for the Conservation Commission. She expressed an interest in researching appropriate grants and writing a grant as a volunteer if anyone had a good subject. Fred and David discussed the need for a grant to build a parking area for hikers on the public access trail at Gerry and Iris Simon’s property. **Amy** agreed to take this on.

5. 2009-2010 Lamoine Conservation Award: Fred apologized for not getting the nomination material out in advance and passed out the nomination form and criteria. The Conservation Commission agreed to meet on December 8th at 6:15 to submit and consider applications.

6. Potential Presentations to the Conservation Commission: **Bob** agreed to watch the Bag-It video and report back as to whether it would make a good LCC presentation. **Bob** also took the information about the Union of Concerned Scientists speaking program on Climate Change and said that he would get in touch with the group and explore this possibility.

7. Open Space Report and Inventory: **Fred** reiterated his resolve to complete this project before rotating off the Conservation Commission in 2011. **Fred** will pass out a Table of Contents at the December meeting and discuss dividing up some of the writing.

8. Frenchman Bay Stakeholders Meeting: **Bob** reported on the recent meeting, and said that a written report would be circulated. He had volunteered the LCC as a member of the group, which has both a research and an educational component. Current discussions center on a realistic scope for the activities of the group: 1) the waters of the Bay; 2) the waters of the Bay and the shoreline of the Bay; or 3) the entire watershed of the Bay. The tentative decision is that the entire watershed, while desirable, is beyond the resources of the group.

9. Request from Selectmen: **Bob** reported that Stu had passed on a request from the selectmen that the LCC look into the issue of access to the shore for clambers and wormers. **Amy** expressed an interest in working on this. **Fred** noted that the Maine Coastal Program has had a right of way research grant program and said that he would provide Amy with information on this program.

10. Recycling: **Annie** and **Nancy** expressed interest in learning why the MDI transfer facility accepts all kinds of plastics and whether this would be realistic for the Lamoine Transfer Station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stocking
Secretary
Lamoine Conservation Commission

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

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Fred Stocking, Secretary