

Lamoine Conservation Commission-January

Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2014

Members Present: Larry Libby, Chair: Carol Korty, Doug Stewart, Anne LaBossiere

Absent Member: David Legere

Alternates Present: Linda Penkalski and Nancy Pochan

Others in Attendance: Bob Pulver and Willem Brutsaert

Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Chairman Libby at 7:06 p.m.

Topics Discussed:

1. [Minutes of the Dec. 11th LCC Meeting](#)

2. Planning Board and Select Board Concerns

No members in attendance. Next meeting of the planning board is scheduled for Tues. Jan. 14th.

3. Report on Trade Area Analysis for Lamoine

Larry Libby and Bob Pulver met with Todd Gabe and Jim McConnon of the University of Maine's School of Economics on Dec. 16th in Orono. as an outgrowth of this collaborative process, a staff paper was developed re: **Trade Area Analysis of Retail Sales in Lamoine**. Prior to sharing this paper with the LCC, Larry Libby met with Fred Stocking and John Holt to go over its contents.

Larry and Bob oriented LCC members to the information contained in the afore mentioned paper. Interesting observations and questions were shared by those present. The sales tax data, by retail sector, come from the Maine Revenue Services. Since there are so few retail firms in Lamoine, adding or losing a single business can make a big impact for that year. Lamoine's sales are compared to those in several town of similar size. Each commissioner received a copy as did W. Brutsaert.

Larry mentioned that the report in **Lamoine's Economy of the Sea: Commercial Fisheries** prepared for LCC by Todd Gabe and Caroline Noblet, School of Economics, University of Maine, June 2013 will also be useful for further planning.

Bob Pulver suggested that it will be important to reconsider what the town should strive for in

terms of its future planning. He mentioned that E-commerce might be an area to pursue to assist in strengthening and diversifying the town's economy. Bob suggested that this would require the strengthening of the infrastructure needed to handle this technological activity.

It was thought that more discussion of the info obtained by the University of Maine economists might be helpful in the comprehensive planning process. Gabe and McConnon are willing to participate in such discussions.

4. Update on GET WET !

Carol Korty and John Peckenham have been in contact and the preferred dates are Jan. 23rd for the pupil orientation and the 24th of Jan. for the evaluations of the water samples. Back up dates would be Jan. 30th and 31st. Several in attendance volunteered to help with the student analyses of their water samples.

5. Natural Resources Damage Compensation Grant

This grant is administered by the City of Ellsworth. The \$500,000. of grant money was received in compensation from the Portland-Bangor waste oil site which contaminated wells in No. Ellsworth in the 1970's. Carol Korty brought this to our attention and suggested that we consider submitting an application for some of this grant money. She said we might be eligible for consideration due to our close proximity to the aquifer we share with Ellsworth and Hancock.

6. Possible Land Acquisition

Carol discussed a potential new project for LCC. This would include the purchase of Johnny Holt's land which is south of MacQuinn's, north of the cemetery and between Douglas Highway and David Hodgkin's piece recently donated to Cold Spring Water Company. How to finance this would need further exploration.

7. Public Meeting on Managing Private Forest Land has been set for March 25th at the Lamoine Town Hall. It will start at 6:30 p.m. and run about two hours.

8. A drop in recycling at the Lamoine Transfer Station was reported by Nancy Pochan. There were questions as to the causes and how to address them.

9. Will Lamoine join [Hancock County Planning Commission](#)?

It would cost the town of Lamoine \$1,330. to join. The town budget committee wants more specifics re: the cost before deciding whether or not to support our request.

10. Other

- Information was distributed re: the Feb. 5th half-day workshop sponsored by the Maine Coastal Program to address water quality. This will be held in Ellsworth and is free.
- Carol and Linda shared some relevant articles from newspapers.
- Frenchman Bay Partners' annual meeting will be held on Feb. 1st at the MDIB Lab.

Motions and Outcomes:

The meetings of the Dec. 11th meeting were approved as distributed.

Follow-up Actions and Who Will Do Them:

1. Planning Board

Linda Penkalski will attend the Feb. meeting of the planning board to share the Dark Skies information.

2. Trade Area Analysis for Lamoine

Once the commission for the development of the comprehensive plan has been established, the LCC will contact the group and extend an offer to share this info.

3. GET WET!

Carol Korty will contact Carol Duffy and John Peckenham re: the logistics for **GET WET!** She will check with the Hancock School principal to see if any teachers would be interested in being involved.

4. Possible Application to Natural Resources Damage Compensation Grant

Carol Korty will contact Ellsworth's city manager, Michelle Gagnon, to obtain more information.

5. Public Meeting re: Managing Private Forest Land Meeting on March 25th

At the Feb. meeting of LCC we will address what needs to be done in terms of publicity, etc.

6. The drop in Recycling at Lamoine Transfer Station

This will be an agenda item for the Feb. meeting to explore ways to get at its causes and possible remediation strategies.

7. Hancock County Planning Commission

Carol Korty will attend the town's budget meeting on Mon. Jan. 20th to provide more specifics re: what would be the benefits of the town's joining HCPC.

8. [Frenchman Bay Partners'](#) Annual Meeting on Feb. 1st

Carol will continue to represent LCC in this organization and plans to attend the meeting.

9. LCC Conservation Award details will be finalized at the Feb. meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes taken by Anne LaBossiere, Secretary and approved on _____.