

## Lamoine Conservation Commission-February

### Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2014

**Members Present:** David Legere, Carol Korty, Doug Stewart, Anne LaBossire

**Absent Member:** Larry Libby

**Alternates Present:** Nancy Pochan and Linda Penkalski

**Others in attendance:** Willem Brutsaert

**Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Anne LaBossiere at 7:08 PM.**

#### Topics Discussed:

1. [Select Board Meeting on February 13, 2014](#): One of the items to be considered is the Citizen's Petition inclusion at the annual town meeting.
2. **GET WET Presentations:** The water quality testing took place at Lamoine School on January 24, 2014 with LCC volunteers helping out. John Peckenham is planning a follow up to analyze student results on February 28, 2014.
3. [Planning Board Meeting on February 4, 2014](#): Linda attended and gave material to members about the value of Dark Skies, including printouts from the Astronomical Society of Maine website.

There was a presentation by a geologist from Summit Environmental Consultants, Lewiston on the expansion of the old Kittredge Pit on Douglas Highway.

4. **March 25, 2014 Public Meeting on Forestland Management with Andy Schultz:** There are approximately 250+ landowners in Lamoine with a 10 acre or more wood lot. Andy Schultz from the Maine Forest Service will send out letters to these landowners inviting them to the public meeting.
5. **Possible proposal for Damage Compensation Grant:** The purpose of the grant is to prevent future pollution. We discussed Willem Brutsaert's suggestions for a focus for the LCC application for the grant. Willem explained his ideas.
6. **How to increase Lamoine's Recycling:** Recycling has decreased in Lamoine. Some ideas to increase recycling were suggested- label bins in a clearer manner, change the placement of the receptacles since the present position is inconvenient (they used to be closer to the other recyclables), see if single stream recycling saves money, post signs at the transfer station to tell the public how much Lamoine saves by recycling.

7. **Finalize Conservation Award arrangements:** The plaque has been updated, a frame has been purchased, letters signed by LCC members. Larry will present the award at the Town Meeting on March 12, 2014.
8. **Gravel Task Force:** David Legere has been appointed to the Gravel Task Force. We brainstormed LCC concerns and they centered around:  
Environment- noise pollution and air pollution from dust, silica and diesel fumes  
Economy- does graveling affect property values and the town loses money as gravel leaves the town and the companies are not paying for this loss  
Aesthetics- restoration of gravel pits  
  
Another concern is for the safety along Lamoine roads with large gravel trucks on two lane roads.
9. **Frenchmen Bay Partners:** David alerted us to go to the website and sign up since it is more user friendly. We should be posting meetings like our March 25, 2014 public meeting.
10. Anne brought information about conferences that LCC members can attend:  
2014 Maine Water & Sustainability Conference at Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, all day April 1st.  
Recent Changes in Flood Plain Management, a Hancock County Planning Commission workshop in their series Striking a Balance in Hancock County, February 27, 2014, at VFW Hall, Ellsworth, 5-8:30 PM.

### **Motions and Outcomes:**

1. The [minutes of the January 8, 2014](#) meeting were accepted as distributed.
2. A motion was proposed and accepted that we do more research on the ideas Willem suggested for the Damage Compensation Grant, so we can decide which proposal to pursue.

### **Follow-up actions and who will do them:**

1. Carol is working with John Peckenham and science teachers at Ellsworth High School to organize a presentation of GET WET. This could take place in March and they will need volunteers from LCC to help with the water testing.
2. Linda and Anne will write a press release about the March 25, 2014 public meeting and distribute it to the Ellsworth American, send it to David to post to the Frenchmen Bay Partner's website and to Stu Marcoon to put in on the Lamoine website.

3. Doug will contact Georgianna Pulver to ask her if she can make a poster about the March 25, 2014 public meeting to be placed in the Town Hall, Lamoine School, Lamoine Store, Lamoine Baptist Church, the transfer station and the Ellsworth Marketplace.
4. Refreshments for the March 25, 2014 public meeting: Carol will bring cups, tea bags and something to boil water in; Doug will bring a coffee pot, coffee, milk and sugar; other LCC members will bring snacks.
5. Carol will contact Michelle Gagnon for guidelines and a deadline for the Damage Compensation Grant.
6. David will speak with the Code Enforcement Officer about which oil tanks in old gravel pits are not on pads nor surrounded by a clay berm.
7. Willem will contact the Environmental Engineering Department at the University of Maine to see if they will write up a proposal for testing old gravel pit observation wells for such contaminants as Arsenic, MTBE, nitrates, pesticides, herbicides and a total hydrocarbon sweep.
8. Larry will contact the local oil delivery companies to see if they have information on which homes in Lamoine have outside oil tanks without a pad or surrounding clay berm.
9. Doug will speak with Bill Fennelly of the transfer station about what his ideas are to increase recycling for the April LCC meeting.
10. Nancy will check with the Southwest Harbor transfer station about their single stream recycling and report back to us at the April LCC meeting re: her findings.
11. Larry will present the Conservation Award at the March 12, 2014 Town Meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.**

**Minutes were taken by Linda Penkalski and approved on \_\_\_\_\_.**