



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes of Special Meeting – May 24, 2013 Lamoine Consolidated School

The meeting came to order at approximately 12:49 PM

Present were: Selectmen Cynthia Donaldson, Bernie Johnson, Nathan Mason, S. Josephine Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, students from Grades 3-through-8 and numerous school staff. Selectman Gary McFarland had informed the board that he would not be able to attend. Town Attorney Daniel Pileggi joined the meeting at approximately 1:30 PM.

Principal Ann McCann introduced the Selectmen to the students and staff.

Commendation – Selectmen signed a commendation for the school students and staff in recognition of the recent “A” rating by the Maine Department of Education and presented it to those gathered.

Stu explained what some of his jobs at the town office entail, and Jo quickly reviewed what the job of a Selectman requires.

The session then broke out into three groups, with at least one Selectman assigned to each group. Those breakout groups addressed the following questions and teachers acted as scribes in gathering responses.

What do you like about living in Lamoine

Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8
Quiet/Peaceful	So green	It's Peaceful, Quiet
Not a city, small	No Pollution	Family Friendly
Beaches	Walk to places	Close Knit
Lamoine Community Arts	Quiet	Like teachers, good teachers
Nature, Plants, Beauty	Not many cars?	Beautiful, Scenic
Community/Size	Beach	Hunting & Trapping
Fun	Woods	
Blueberries	Ocean/Coastline	
Wildlife	School	
Everything	Teachers	
Know Everyone	Recess	
Ocean Nearby	Softball/Sports	
Clean Community	Great Ballfield	
	Playground	

What ideas do you have to make our town better?

Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8
Better Roads Entertainment Restaurant Bakery Ice Cream Shop Campground Swimming Pool Public Playground Hiking/Walking Trail Petting Zoo Ocean Touch Tank More Trees Free Arcade Fair	Bike Trails Lower Speed Limits Fix Douglas Hwy ATV Trails Involve young people in Town Meeting Outdoor Basketball Courts New Soccer Nets Electronic Score Signs	Pull out of RSU Stay in RSU Better Lunches Better Roads (Douglas Hwy, Lamoine Beach Rd.) Alternate Big Truck Routes Cleaning up litter and trash Bigger gym, more seating Keeping the town safe Student Fire Dept. helpers Different roof on school Stage, science lab, garden Library Small Sheriff's Department Community Pool Hotel by the coast Community Park/Playground Wind towers, solar energy

What questions do you have about how our town government works?

Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8
Why don't we have our own police department?	Are you in charge of the schools, too?	Why aren't meetings more publicly advertised? Who makes decisions about making new roads? Who pays for TV Station? Student involvement in Town Government. Find something big to save money on. Fund raising? Mailing/Communication with Citizens?

What can you do to participate in Lamoine's Government?

Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8
Community Clean Up Raise Money Ride a bike instead of driving to cut down on noise and pollution Volunteer Donate/Help out in community	To Attend Town Meeting with Parents	Fund Raise – Yard Sale Student Representative to Council (Selectmen) More people involved attending Selectmen's meeting periodically Volunteer

Students left the meeting at approximately 1:25 PM as school dismissed for the day.

RSU 24 Budget Validation Warrant – Selectmen signed the warrant calling for the RSU 24 budget validation on June 11, 2013. Gary had signed the warrant prior to the meeting.

Expenditure Warrant 23 – Selectmen signed warrant 23 in the amount of \$40,862.93.

Request that proposed gravel ordinance be posted – Stu reported that he'd received a request that the gravel ordinance proposed by Perry Fowler be posted on the town's website. He said he was hesitant to do that because it's not anything that is going before the voters at this point and is not something that the town authored, and he was seeking advice from the Selectmen.

Jo suggested it could be linked to the minutes. Cynthia said it would need to be clear that it was proposed by Mr. Fowler – and anyone can propose an ordinance. Jo said it should be clear that the proposed ordinance is available at the town hall, but she's reluctant to place it on the town's website, as that might give it a flavor of endorsement. Nathan noted it has become a public document. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the board that the proposed ordinance not be posted at this time, but reply to the requester that it is available at the town hall. Jo said she would like to see the website issue on a future agenda, including the issue of draft minutes.

Executive Session – Jo moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(E) in order to consult with the town attorney regarding litigation. Cynthia 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0 at 1:43 PM.** The meeting moved to a classroom for privacy. **Out at 2:35 PM.**

Jo moved to send a memo to the Planning Board to request a meeting on June 4, 2013 at 6:30 PM with the town attorney and the Planning Board to discuss the gravel ordinance and litigation. Bernie 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.** Stu said he would send the memo ASAP.

Nathan noted that he would not be able to attend the June 6th meeting – he will be participating in the 8th grade class trip.

Nathan noted that a budget committee was mentioned at the RSU withdrawal hearing on June 20th, and no such committee has yet been requested. He asked if that charge could be put to the Local School Advisory Committee. A brief discussion followed. Stu noted the RSU Withdrawal Committee meets on May 28th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen