



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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### Minutes – June 8, 2015

The meeting came to order at 6:30 PM with Chair Gary McFarland and Selectman Heather Fowler present.

**Hodgkins Scholarship Subcommittee** – Heather moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(F) to process applications for the Hodgkins Scholarship. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was unanimous.** In at 6:30 PM, out at 7:30 PM.

**Regular Meeting** – Chair Gary McFarland called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Heather Fowler, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Bernie Johnson, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Recreation Committee Chair Greg Stone, Kathleen Rybarz and Cynthia Donaldson.

**Agenda Review** – No change was proposed to the printed agenda or addendum.

**Minutes – May 28, 2015** – Jo moved to approve the minutes as written. Bernie 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Expenditure Warrant 25** – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$82,048.23. Stu reported the bulk of the expenditure was the down payment on the rescue boat.

**Cash/Budget Report** – Stu reported that the budget for excise tax collections for the year was met earlier in the day.

**Checking Account Reconciliation** – Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the reconciliation report which was sent via e-mail the week before.

**Recreation Committee/Slow Ride Sunday** – Rec Committee chair Greg Stone said he was interested in creating an event so that folks could ride bikes on Lamoine roads with less of a fear of automobile. He said it might attract other bicycle riders to town. He said the idea is to put signs at each entrance to Lamoine letting automobile drivers know there is a biking event going on in order to calm the vehicle traffic. He said the event would not be a sponsor, not require any “fee”, just a chance to ride bikes with the family, friends, or alone. He said there are lots of potential routes, and the town would be promoted as a safe place to ride.

Mr. Stone said his plan was to start with the Board of Selectmen and then speak with the Sheriff’s Department or State Police to see what to do. He said the event could have some promotion and maybe some area businesses could sponsor it. He suggested that it run from 11am to 4pm on a Sunday, and that maybe the State Park could participate. He suggested July 12<sup>th</sup> could be the first event.

Heather asked how to make the roads as safe as possible. Jo said informing police agencies that it’s happening will help. Mr. Stone said signage and some road warning

devices would be possible. He said there are some parts of town with very little traffic. Stu said the town has some barricades stored, as well as “wind safe” signs that can be set up. Mr. Stone said he might have more clarity on the event by the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bernie said it sounded like a good event. He said he would like to get a sense of the number of signs. Mr. Stone asked if he’d like a list of routes and potential sign locations. Bernie said yes. Heather said it sounds like a great idea. Mr. Stone said the key to the success would be to calm traffic. Nathan said he would promote one route to start with. Mr. Stone asked if it would be advisable to have “leaders” to guide on the routes. He said groups of bicyclists feel safer. Gary said he’d like to hear more after Mr. Stone talks with the police agencies. There was a brief discussion of potential routes.

**Gravel Permit – Consent Agreements** – Stu reported that the Planning Board has found the three gravel operations that had entered a consent agreement with the Selectmen last year are now in compliance with the permits that were issued. He suggested that the consent agreements be dissolved and that the permit holders come under the authority of the permits that were issued. Jo moved to direct Stu to write to the parties in the consent agreement to inform them of such. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Gravel Ordinance** – Stu reported version 8 of the draft gravel ordinance is done and has been distributed to the Planning Board, the representative of most of the pit owners, and to the public via the website. He said the Planning Board has not had a chance to discuss the latest version. Nathan asked if there needs to be another meeting before putting this to the voters. There was a discussion about the time line if the ordinance is to go to voters in November.

Stu said the setback issue is not addressed in this version – it remains as the current ordinance states. He said perhaps if the Selectmen wish to offer a return to the previous setbacks, it could be offered in the future as a separate ordinance amendment. There was a brief discussion about setbacks and the politics of the matter.

**Guest Mooring** – Stu reported that Harbor Master David Herrick was looking for approval to install a guest mooring at Lamoine State Park. He said the estimated cost was about \$1,000.00. He said the concept was approved several years earlier, but the mooring was never installed. He said there is plenty of money in the Harbor Fund.

Selectmen asked if there was any policy in place about using a guest mooring. Stu said he would work with Mr. Herrick to develop a proposal.

Gary said a citizen approached him regarding overnight parking at the state park for folks staying on their boats, and the citizen had received a warning that he would get a ticket if it happened again. Nathan said he got the same call. Gary said he’s not sure what the laws are. Nathan said he asked the caller to write up what the problem was, and to meet the next meeting. The board requested Stu to contact the park manager to get clarification on the situation and to place this on the next agenda.

Bernie moved to authorize the Harbor Master to install the guest mooring at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 from the Harbor Fund. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**PERC Future** – Stu reported that the lobbying has begun both from PERC and the Municipal Review Committee regarding the trash disposal contract that expires in 2018. He said PERC has offered a contract extension, and the MRC is working on its own plant and claims PERC will not be financially viable after 2018. Jo said she would like to know more about the situation. Stu said the MDI League of Towns holds a joint elected officials meeting in October and he would ask that this be on the agenda.

**Snow Plow Escalator** – Stu said he went through the calculation according to the contract and the figures supplied by Richard McMullen to figure out what the escalator was. He said the figure was on the warrant signed earlier in the meeting. There was no objection.

**Code Enforcement Officer Resignation** – Stu reported that Michael Jordan had sent a resignation letter via e-mail that was received at the town office earlier in the day. Heather asked when the effective date would be. Stu said he presumed June 30<sup>th</sup>, as the request is not to reappoint him. Jo moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael Jordan as Code Enforcement Officer. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Stu asked for permission to contact Deputy CEO Millard Billings to see if he would fill in on an interim basis while the search is on for a replacement. There was no objection.

**Electronic Waste Collection** – Stu reported that a firm in Brewer contacted him and offered to hold an E-waste collection day on July 11, 2015. He said there would be no charge for people to bring their electronics to the collection site, with the exception of appliances that require Freon removal. There was discussion about involving Hancock and Trenton in the collection, though concern there would not be enough capacity for that. The board had no objection to sponsoring the collection at the salt/sand shed site.

**Honor Graduates** – Selectmen signed certificates of commendation for the following honor graduates:

MDI High	Ellsworth High
Madison Brown	Phillip Barbeau
Genevieve Goebel	Kaile Kimball
Bailey Moore	
Trisha Smith	
Ivy Wallace	

**Security Cameras** – Stu reported there was a vandalism incident during an Appeals Board meeting last month and asked if there is any desire to install security cameras at the town office and transfer station. Nathan said there have not been a lot of issues over the years, and he has mixed feelings about it. Jo said she would like more information in regard to cost and recording retention. Stu said he could ask the town managers' group how many other communities have security cameras.

**Other – Maintenance Tasks** – Selectmen discussed the task list for Robert Cooper that Stu had developed, including the privy maintenance at the two town parks, and some items at the town office. Stu reported Mr. Cooper started last Friday and seemed eager to get to work.

**Library** – Cynthia Donaldson reported that the Maine Community Foundation has given a \$2,100 grant to renovate the school library to create a welcoming atmosphere for preschoolers. She said the hope is to follow through on the program to support small children and bring their families into the school setting in the interest of fostering early childhood education. She reported she and others started culling the book offerings earlier in the day.

**Marlboro Beach** – Gary reported that Jim Norris has approached him about possibly turning privately owned land at Marlboro Beach over to the town. He said it would have to go through probate with Mr. Norris's brothers. He asked if the Selectmen were interested, and showed the tax map of the land in question. Stu reminded the Selectmen the power to accept a land gift lies with town meeting, and the question for the board would be whether to put this to the town. Nathan said the area would require some maintenance. It was noted that it will be a while before the town gets to that point.

**Next Meeting Dates** – Gary read the next meeting dates which will be June 25, 2015, July 16, 2015 and August 13, 2016.

**Executive Session** – Gary moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(A) in order to conduct a job performance review with Stu. Heather 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** In at 8:31 PM. Out at 8:52 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.