



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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### Minutes – June 2, 2016

Chair Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz, Robert Christie; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, State Representative Brian Hubbell, Selectman candidate Wanda Whitener, and Transfer Station Manager Chris Meyer.

**Agenda Review** – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda and addendum.

**Minutes – May 24, 2016** – Bob asked if the mediation session in the MacQuinn et al v. Town of Lamoine case was in Bangor on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Stu said it was. Bob moved to approve the minutes as printed. Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

**Expenditure warrant 26** – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$98,610.00. Stu noted that \$85,000 of that was for education.

**Cash & Budget Report** – Stu reported that the budgeted amount for excise tax collections for the year was reached earlier in the day.

**Checking Account Reconciliation** – Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the checking account reconciliation that had been e-mailed earlier in the day.

**Abatement Request** – Selectmen considered two abatement requests from Christopher Norris formerly doing business as Pro Auto Center. Stu reported that the business had ceased operations prior to April 1, 2014 and had no personal property that met taxation criteria at that time, and recommended abating the personal property tax for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 years. Gary confirmed that they had ceased business operations and moved to grant the abatements in the amounts of \$231.75 plus interest for the 2014/15 year and \$227.25 plus interest for the 2015/16 year. Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**  
**Selectmen signed the abatement slips.**

**Sesquicentennial Committee** – Jo said she would like to service on the committee. There was a brief discussion of how the committee worked on the town's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The board noted that a strong chair will be the key to a committee. Kathleen suggested calling for committee members in the next Lamoine Quarterly. Stu asked when the board would like to start appointing. Jo said to aim for August with work starting in the fall.

**Solid Waste Options** – Stu said the town meeting can be presented with several options, including sticking with PERC, delegating the choice to the Board of Selectmen, or presenting a PERC vs. MRC question. There was a discussion about organics separation and communications from the MRC.

Gary said he'd like to discuss at the next meeting how to proceed on this. Jo said information is needed to present to the town meeting. She said landfilling is also an option, but she doesn't know about that. Kathleen asked how quickly a town meeting can be called. Stu said it depends on whether it's an open meeting or a referendum – an open meeting can happen in a couple weeks' time, while a referendum requires an absentee balloting period.

Selectmen asked to see if Ken Smith could meet with them to discuss the options. Stu said he would like to find out more about the "savings account" that PERC has mentioned.

**Consent Agreement** – Stu reported the town has yet to receive the fine and attorney fees from Broughman Builders. He said he would e-mail Diane O'Connell.

**Shellfish Warden/Insurance** – Stu reported that Maine Municipal Association Risk Management has contacted the town in regard to Shellfishing enforcement, suggesting that the town needs to buy police department insurance for the regional warden. He said that he replied that the warden is employed by the City of Ellsworth police department. He said MMA seems to think that the towns should each be individually appointing a warden instead of the Municipal Joint Board. He said he disputed that, and suggested that our joint board member, Dick Fennelly, be contacted for clarification. The board agreed that would be a good idea.

**Local Plumbing Inspector** – Stu said he'd drafted an agreement with the interim LPI, Mike Jordan, and urged the board to review it for the next meeting. He said Mr. Jordan has not yet had a chance to review it.

**Committee Appointments** – Stu reported he planned to be contacting the committee members whose terms expire at the end of June to see if they are interested in being reappointed. He said he has also placed the notice on the town's website and will post a link on the Facebook Page.

**Wikipedia Listing** – Kathleen asked if the board could look over her proposed listing update for Wikipedia. She said it's a public relations thing, and Stu said he would place it in the next packet. The matter had been on a previous agenda and postponed until Kathleen could be present.

**Lamoine Beach Parking** – Stu reported he'd received a complaint from a neighbor of Lamoine Beach about worm diggers parking on the beach. He noted that the Parks Ordinance allows commercial fishermen to use vehicles on the beach when fishing, and there is no local enforcement mechanism. After a brief discussion about the rules and enforcement, the board took no action on the matter.

**Other Matters** – State Representative Brian Hubbell requested a copy of the memoranda from the Municipal Review Committee. He was supplied with them.

**Next Meetings** – The Hodgkins scholarship subcommittee will convene on June 16, 2016 at 6PM (Kathleen, Bob and Gary), followed by the regular meeting at 7PM. The board will also meet on July 14 and August 18.

**Executive Session** – Gary moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(a) in order to conduct performance reviews with the transfer station manager and the administrative assistant. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor 4-0** at 7:38 PM. Out at 8:23 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen