



# Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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## Minutes – November 2, 2017

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present were: Selectmen Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland, S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon and State Representative Brian Hubbell

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

**Minutes – October 19, 2017** – Nathan moved to approve the minutes as printed. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Expenditure Warrant 10** – Stu said the Cable TV equipment added to the school is included, the rest is relatively routine. Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$ 82,063.55

**Cash & Budget Reports** – Selectmen noted that the percent of the budget expended is fairly close to the percentage of the year that has passed.

**Checking Account Reconciliation** – Selectmen signed the statement indicating satisfaction with review of the checking account reconciliation that was e-mailed prior to the meeting.

**2015/16 Tax Liens** – Stu reported that the list of remaining tax liens is included in the packet and he would send out friendly reminders next week that foreclosure time will be coming up. Gary asked if the bottom line was lower than last year. Stu said it seems a bit higher in numbers of properties involved.

**Marlboro Beach Deed Wording** – Nathan said the proposed wording could be construed that the town could not do anything in regard to property regulation at Marlboro Beach. Bob said he asked the Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC) about the proposed language and noted that the Norris family had marked off private areas of the beach property. After a brief discussion, Stu suggested that language to the effect that “notwithstanding the town’s authority to regulate operation of the park” to the deed language. Nathan said he was unsure why FBC needs to be referenced in the deed. Bob said FBC is donating money as a non-profit agency and would monitor the park. A brief discussion followed. The board had no objection to sending the suggested wording.

**Appeals Board Ordinance** – Stu said the apparent goal of the Board of Appeals was to make a uniform appeals process across all the town ordinances. Gary said he read it over and it appears to be a good start. Kathleen said the language is kind of vague when referring to town ordinances. He said it doesn’t fix, for example, complaints about non-enforcement of the Gravel Ordinance.

Bob said he would like an opinion from Maine Municipal Association. He noted that when he served on the Board of Appeals, the appellant needed to have standing. He said he would be interested in seeing examples of what other towns in Hancock County do. He said he would like to have the Selectmen discuss the proposed ordinance with the chair of the Board of Appeals.

Stu said he believes the Appeals Board consulted other ordinances and he would copy those if he can find them. He said he would communicate the desire to meet to Appeals Board Chair Griff Fenton.

**Community Center Committee** – Jo asked if there are any names to appoint to a committee yet. Stu said he put this on the agenda as it might be time to start putting a committee together, noting that the Board had approved a process earlier this year. Kathleen asked if there was an article in the Lamoine Quarterly. Stu said if there was, there have been no takers yet.

Jo said the issue could be discussed at Town Meeting in March. She said she'd like to see this addressed after adopting a Comprehensive Plan. Stu said he wasn't sure when the Board wished to start recruiting committee members.

Bob noted that on a recent trip to Vermont, he observed a lot of community centers. He said the issue came before the Comprehensive Planning Committee without any prodding from the committee. He said that working on a plan would cost nothing.

Jo said she'd like to see a good mix of people on the committee. Stu said he'd like to involve people who are not necessarily involved in the town government at this time.

**Wind Storm – October 30, 2017** – Stu said he prepared a detailed report for the Board of what took place this past Monday and throughout the week following a major wind storm that has knocked out power to parts of town for several days. He said the damage to the town's infrastructure is limited only to debris cleanup, and he's contacted McMullen Landscape to start cleaning that up, possibly tomorrow.

Kathleen asked if there were any flooding issues from the rain storm a few days before the wind storm. Stu said he was not aware of any. Nathan asked what happens if there is an emergency and a road is blocked by a tree that is down over power lines. Stu said he believed that the dispatchers (Hancock County RCC) would contact Emera, Maine to respond to the situation ASAP.

Discussion followed on emergency communications, blocked roads, and fire department response to the storm.

**Emergency Management Mitigation Plan** – Selectmen reviewed the list on the County mitigation plan which Stu said was pretty outdated as most of the list has been completed. He said he would communicate that to the County EMA director. Gary moved to sign a resolve supporting the mitigation plan. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed the resolve.**

**Transfer Station Sign** – Stu reported the sign at the Transfer Station is pretty shabby looking, due mostly to age. After a brief discussion, Stu suggested contacting the sign maker who did the wooden sign at the Town Hall. There was no objection.

**Budget Workshop** – Jo noted that the Hancock County budget is completed and it's up about 5.4%. She said the county commissioners would have to override LD 1.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft administration budget from the Administrative Assistant, and that will be presented to the Budget Committee on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting Dates** – The Board will meet for regular meetings on November 16 and 30, December 14, January 4 and 18, 2018 and February 1 and 15 (2018).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen