



# Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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## Minutes – August 9, 2018

Chair Nathan Mason called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Robert Christie, Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Kenneth Smith, Carol Korty and Kathie Gaianguest.

**Agenda Review** – It was agreed to move the transfer station compaction matter higher on the agenda as Mr. Smith was present.

**Minutes – July 12, 2018** – Jo moved to approve the minutes as written. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Expenditure Warrant 3** – There were no questions regarding warrant 3 in the amount of \$172,784.40 which Selectmen had signed individually on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Expenditure Warrant 4** – Selectmen signed warrant 4 in the amount of \$400,121.91. Stu said that included a \$300,000 transfer into the investment account. Jo asked about the item labeled cell install. Stu said it was to install the new fire department cell phone into truck 405. Bob asked about the item IF&W. Stu explained it was the monthly payment of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife fees to the department. It was noted that the town keeps only a \$1.00 to \$2.00 agent fee for each transaction.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – Stu reported that cash flow was very good as property taxes have started rolling in.

**Foreclosed Property** – Stu reported that the sister of the person living in the foreclosed home called the town office this morning. He said Town Attorney Dan Pileggi had advised that an order to move forward regarding the lack of payment on the installment agreement between the town and the heirs to the property may be in order and he recommended doing so. Kathleen moved to authorize the town attorney to prepare the paperwork. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Checking account reconciliation** – Selectmen had reviewed the checking account reconciliation sent via e-mail prior to the meeting. Stu reported that a shipping charge for pre-stamped envelopes had not been included in the warrant due to an error. Nathan moved to authorize the expenditure. Nathan moved to approve the shipping charge (\$16.95), Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0. Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the account review.**

**Tax Liens** – Stu reported he filed 64-liens this week. Jo asked about the status of the Sharkey property. Stu reported a lien was filed, and several family members had been in contact in the past few weeks to express concern about the lien status.

**Ambulance Contract** – Stu reported he's not yet received anything from County Ambulance owner John Partridge.

**Recycling** – Ken Smith prepared a couple of spreadsheets to compare the costs of single sort recycling in a compacted an un-compacted state. He explained his calculations and said he'd have a better feel for the costs next month. He said the quality of recycling needs to improve everywhere, not just in Lamoine. He compared the cost of compacted versus non-compacted recycling.

Nathan asked about needing cleaner material with compaction. Mr. Smith said the Lamoine recycling is combined with other communities. He compared hydraulic vs. electric systems. Ms. Gaianguest said she was glad that Mr. Smith was looking into ways of doing things that are environmentally sound.

**Joint CTV Project** – Stu said the Selectboard asked that this item be on the agenda for this meeting. Kathleen suggested that the town's technology committee could work with officials appointed by the Town of Hancock. Stu said he'd spoken with Otelco about running fiber optic cable at the town management conference earlier in the week.

Kathleen moved to authorize the technology committee to work with Hancock. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Planning Board Hearing** – Kathleen asked if the Selectmen would have access to the proposed changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and the cluster housing section of the Building and Land Use Ordinance. Stu said he would try to get the latest proposals from John Holt.

**Maine Municipal Association Ballot** – Jo moved to have Nathan sign the ballot on behalf of the town. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Appointment** – Jo moved to reappoint Bill Butler to the Technology Committee with a term ending in June 2021. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Resignation** – Jo moved to accept the resignation of Greg Stone from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0, Selectmen signed a letter accepting his resignation.**

**Lawsuit** – Stu reported that a court complaint from the Friends of Lamoine was delivered by 3-mail at about noon time earlier today. He said attorney Dan Pileggi had been in touch, and wanted to know which attorney the town would use and how aggressively the Selectmen wished to defend the case. After a discussion about a special meeting, the Board decided to hold an executive session with Mr. Pileggi on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 7PM if he is available.

**Trash Service at the Parks** – Stu reported that Russell Boynton Jr. is ready to get back into the trash hauling business. He said Facilities Maintenance Director Rick Gallegos is willing to cede the job back to Mr. Boynton when he's ready. There was no objection from the Selectmen.

**Blunt's Pond Field Day** – Pursuant to a request from the Conservation Commission to us Bloomfield Park for an event celebrating Blunt's Pond, Jo moved to approve, Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**Acadia Fuel Purchase** – Stu said he called this week to find out where the contract was from Acadia Fuel. He said he'd obtained them today. Jo moved to authorize Stu to sign the contracts and return them to Acadia Fuel pursuant to the bid vote in the previous fiscal year.

**BMV Audit** – Stu pointed out the memorandum from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the packet for tonight. He said the only major suggestion from the auditor was to lock up the validation stamp and sticker box in the locker inside the locked clerk's office, which is behind a burglar alarm and the locked front door to the facility. He said the auditor counted the stickers, and all appears to be in order.

**Lamoine Beach Incident** – Selectmen reviewed an e-mail received late in the day from a visitor who had an unpleasant encounter with one of the private property owners who lives adjacent to the beach. A lengthy discussion followed about signage and addressing any issues the neighbor might have with the beach property. Nathan moved to invite the property owners to the next regular meeting in September to discuss their concerns. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

**MacQuinn Appeal** – Carol Korty who identified herself as the president of the Friends of Lamoine read verbatim a letter that she submitted to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Appeals Board decision to overturn the Planning Board's denial of the MacQuinn gravel pit expansion.

**Animal Control** – Bob asked whether the Animal Control Officer would be the appropriate person to deal with a neighbor who feeds wild animals. Stu said the Maine Warden Service generally deals with such complaints. A brief discussion followed about the roles of the ACO.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be a special meeting on August 30, 2018 to consult with the town attorney in regard to the lawsuit filed earlier in the day by the Friends of Lamoine. The Board will hold regular meetings on September 13 and 27, and October 11 and 25.

**Executive Session** – Nathan moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(a) for several personnel matters. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0 at 8:12 PM. Out at 8:55 PM**

Jo moved to have Stu respond to several public complaints referred to the Board by the Code Enforcement Officer. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen