

**March 2017 Proposed Amendments to:**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE  
LAMOINE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT**

There is hereby established a Conservation Commission consisting of five (5) members, serving without pay, to be appointed by Municipal Officers pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3261 for terms of three years. ~~Members shall initially be appointed for terms of one, two and three years, so that the terms of approximately one-third of the members will expire each year.~~ Their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each, *unless an appointment is made to fill an unexpired term, in which case the term shall expire when the previous member's term would have expired. The Municipal Officers may, upon request of the Conservation Commission, appoint up to two (2) alternate members of the Commission who may cast votes in place of absent Commission members at meetings. The voting status during any given meeting shall be determined by the Commission chair. The terms of alternate Commission members shall be 3-years, with the option of renewal.*

**Section 2. DUTIES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Commission shall:

- A. Meet at least quarterly and set aside at least a portion of each meeting to hear the conservation concerns of the community;
- B. Keep records of its meetings and activities, and make an annual report to the municipality to be published as part of the annual municipal report;
- C. Conduct research, ~~in conjunction with the Planning Board,~~ into local land areas, *renewable and non-renewable* natural resources;
- D. Seek to coordinate ~~the activities of~~ *with* existing Town committees and Boards and other *similar organizations on relevant topics of mutual interest to deal with the wise use and protection of the town's natural assets; organizations organized for similar purposes; and conduct public educational activities as the Commission deems appropriate;*
- E. Prepare and keep an index of all open areas and significant natural resources and recreational assets in the Town, whether publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, and of sources of information about the same prepared or held by other agencies or organizations, all for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the

proper protection, development or use of those open spaces, natural resources and recreational assets.

Section 3. **POWERS OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

A. The commission:

1. May, within a budget to be established by the municipal officers or otherwise without use of Town funds, prepare, print, and distribute informational material as it deems necessary;
2. May receive gifts or grants in the Town's name for any conservation research or recreation purpose and administer said gifts or grants for those purposes subject to the terms of the gift or grant. Any grant application submitted by the commission shall first be approved by the municipal officers;
3. May, along with the municipal officers, appoint non-voting associate members to the Commission to assist it in its work. There shall be a public list of associate members.

B. The Commission shall submit its recommendations for *proposed* ordinance changes *to such ordinances that the town has or may enact as appropriate*, or other policy initiatives pursuant to this Ordinance to the Planning Board *or other appropriate body* at least 30 days in advance of submitting such recommendations to the municipal officers for *consideration of presenting such ordinance or policy change* actions.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with or usurp any duties, powers or functions of any existing Town committee or official.

Approved at the Annual Lamoine Town Meeting held March 6, 2002.

/s/ Glenn Crawford, Selectman

/s/ S. Josephine Cooper, Selectman

/s/ Thomas Spruce, Selectman

*Amendments proposed to the Annual Town Meeting on March 8, 2017.*

\_\_\_\_\_ ***S. Josephine Cooper***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Gary McFarland, Chair***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Robert Christie***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Kathleen Rybarz***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***Nathan Mason***

***The Lamoine Board of Selectmen***

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Stuart Marckoon, Deputy Clerk