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Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2022

Members Present: Larissa Thomas, chair; Linda Penkalski, Jack Robichaud

Alternate Member Present: Mike Jordan

Members Absent: Diane Nicholls, Kerry Diskin

Alternate Member Absent: Diana Cassel

Others present: Cathi Goebel, Jeff Cosulich, Tiara Woods, Madison Jones

Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Chairwoman Thomas at 7:03 PM.

Topics discussed:

1. [Approval of the April 13, 2022 minutes.](#)
2. **Marlboro Beach Revegetation Project:** We discussed moving some of the seaweed (wrack) on to the area we want to revegetate. Cathi Goebel and Jeff Cosulich will bring this idea to the next Parks Commission meeting on June 6, 2022 to discuss this with the rest of the Parks Committee. A question was brought up as to whether the seaweed could inhibit the growth of the other plants. Larissa will do some online research into this question. Perhaps we should target one area and monitor the progress before we use the seaweed on the entire area we want to revegetate. If we proceed with this plan we will need volunteers for the second half of June.
3. **Tiara Woods, educator at the Lamoine Consolidated School:** Tiara teaches 5th and 6th grade science and works with us on GET WET!, Blunts Pond GET WET! and the Simon Trail Tree Identification Walk. She is interested in perhaps working with the LCC on other projects. Hazel Stark from the Maine Outdoor School worked with the students this year on some projects. Tiara said that her students might be able to help with the Marlboro Beach Revegetation Project. They already have plans to work with Carol Ackerman in identifying the plants at Marlboro Beach. They are looking into a project identifying local birds. They might stake off a space at the school field that will not be mowed in May as part of the No Mow May project. They can then look at the plants, pollinators, etc. in that space opposed to the mowed field. Larissa suggested that they might write an article for the Lamoine Quarterly about their observations. The students could also get involved in trash pick up at the beaches in the fall. The LCC agreed to keep Ms. Woods apprised of future events that could be suitable for student involvement.

4. **GET WET! May testing:** GET WET! testing was May 5, 2022 at the Lamoine Consolidated School. It was a beautiful morning and the well water testing took place outside. The students were enthusiastic and the volunteers helped make for a successful experience for all. Kerry Diskin will add the data to the website.
5. **Community Resilience Partnership:** Larissa has heard back and they will be changing the application format before the September deadline, but they will be minor changes. In the first round we are only one of two small towns in the state to send in a preliminary application.
6. **No Mow May:** It has been an unexpected success. There were articles in the Ellsworth American and the Bangor Daily News. Larissa was interviewed by people at the Star 97 radio station and Channel 7 TV station. There were over 500 Shares on the town Facebook page. Even if you only mow part of your lawn and leave the flowers blooming in the rest that will help the pollinators.
7. **Conservation Commission vacancies:** We will have one vacancy and possibly two vacancies. Madison Jones is interested in becoming a member of the LCC and the Select Board will have to approve her.
8. **Change June meeting date:** Larissa asked if we can move the June meeting to June 15, 2022 as she has a conflict. All agreed and she will notify Stu.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. The [minutes of the April 13, 2022](#) meeting were approved as distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Minutes taken by Linda Penkalski and approved on

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