



Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2022

Alternate Members Absent: Mike Jordan, Joanna Sands

Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Chairwoman Thomas at 7:01

PM. Members Present: Larissa Thomas, Chair: Kerry Diskin, Linda Penkalski, Madison Jones, Jack Robichaud

Topics Discussed:

1. Approval of the [November 9, 2022 Minutes](#).

2. Community Resilience Partnership, Community Action Grant Update: As Larissa had previously notified us, our application was approved. The town will be receiving a grant of \$50 K for the installation of heat pumps at Town Hall, Fire Station and Lamoine Consolidated School and solar panels to provide electricity for the town. While the paperwork is being completed, Larissa is working with Stu Marckoon to prepare a Request for Proposals to solicit bids for the work.

3. Marlboro Beach Issues: Larissa summarized issues concerning a rockweed harvesting operation using Marlboro Beach to store and load the seaweed they have been collecting. Code enforcement officer Rebecca Albright advised the company that they could not keep their equipment on the beach overnight. They have complied. There was a further discussion concerning possible measures the Conservation Commission might recommend to ensure better stewardship of the beach. This matter will be revisited.

4. Simon Trail Outdoor Classroom: Larissa informed the group about the new outdoor classroom at Simon Trail, a project spearheaded by Iris Simon. Although this was not a Conservation Commission project, Larissa wanted the Conservation Commission to be aware of the classroom as a resource for future events.

5. Tree Identification Guest Speaker Event: Initially it was proposed that this event would be held at the Simon Trail. Other trails in town were considered as possible locations for the event. Further discussion of the pros and cons of the various options will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. National Wildlife Federations Mayor's Monarch Pledge/Monarch Pollinator Garden Project: It was agreed that Larissa would present the proposal to the Select Board at their December 15, 2022 meeting. We identified action items we propose to undertake. Tiara Woods and students from the Lamoine Consolidated School will take the lead on several of the action items that we identified.

7. Conservation Award: No nominees were put forward.

Motions and Outcomes:

The [minutes of the November 9, 2022](#) meeting were approved as distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Minutes taken by Jack Robichaud and approved on _____.