

Lamoine Conservation Commission-September Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2022

Members Present: Larissa Thomas, chair; Linda Penkalski, Kerry Diskin

Members Absent: Jack Robichaud, Madison Jones

Alternate Members Present: Mike Jordan, Joanna Sands

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

Topics discussed:

1. Approval of the August 10, 2022 minutes.

2. Welcome Joanna Sands to the LCC- members introduced themselves. Joanna is presently a librarian at the Ellsworth Library and retiring in a few weeks after a long career as a school and public librarian.

3. Maine Coastweek Shoreline Cleanup: We are planning on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 9:30 AM for the coastal cleanup. A notice was printed in the Ellsworth American for people to meet at the Lamoine State Park and Jeff Cosulich will lead that group. Larissa will lead a group at Seal Point. Kerry will lead another group. Tiara Woods will bring her sixth grade students from the Lamoine Consolidated School to Marlboro Beach on September 15, 2022 to clean up the beach.

4. GET WET! recap and Simon Tree Walk final planning: The Blunts Pond GET WET! testing successfully took place on September 12th at Blunts Pond and on September 13th at the school. Thank you to Jeff Cosulich and Diane Nicholls for their help with the testing. Linda organized the materials at the school during the third week of August before students and teachers came back to school. We will no longer be testing students' well water or Blunts Pond water for iron as we do not usually find the iron ion in any water sample and we are trying to reduce the cost for the materials. Dawn McPhail, Principal of the Lamoine Consolidated School, said that they will be able to fund the purchase of the materials for next year. The plans for the Simon Trail Tree Walk are finalized and it will take place at 9:15 AM on September 19, 2022. Joanna Sands volunteered to be the sixth adult to help out and we now have two adults for each group.

5. Comprehensive Plan Implementation status report: Larissa presented the report to the Select Board. There was not detailed discussion of the report. The Select

Board members like the format that Kerry developed for the report. Thank you, Kerry, for your work on formatting the report.

6. **New project ideas?** The National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge was discussed. Trenton, ME has adopted the pledge. It would involve developing Monarch Butterfly habitats throughout the town. The transfer station was one suggested place along with the school and the Town Hall parcel. Madison and Larissa would play a large role. Larissa will bring this to the Select Board.

Another suggestion was to have a community repair event. People would bring in items to repair, like small appliances, clothing, etc. The purpose is to reuse things and to move away from a disposable society. The Blue Hill Library does a fix it clinic and Joanna will find out more about how they run it, etc.

It was also suggested that we might clean up the transfer station swap room. More discussion on this next month.

7. **Guest Speakers:** It was suggested that we might get a speaker on what is killing the Red Pine trees and is there anything we can do to prevent more deaths of the Red Pines. Larissa will look into this.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. The minutes of the August 10, 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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