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Lamoine Conservation Commission 606 Douglas Hwy Lamoine, ME 04605 gov (207)-667-2242

# **Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2023**

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

Jones

Members Absent: Jack Robichaud

Alternate Members Present: Mike Jordan, Joanna Sands

Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Chairwoman Thomas at 7:00 PM.

#### **Topics discussed:**

1. Approval of the December 14, 2022 minutes.

- 2. Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant update: Lamoine received a \$50,000 grant to purchase heat pumps for the Town Hall, Lamoine School and the Lamoine Fire Station. The project will also involve installing solar panels to provide for the town's electricity usage. The RFP has been finalized, companies have been identified to send the RFP to and the RFP will be posted on the Town website. Once the proposals come back the LCC will look at them.
- 3. **Marlboro Beach issues:** Thanks to the folks who came to the December 31, 2022 meeting at Marlboro Beach for the Lamoine Parks Commission and the Lamoine Conservation Commission. We looked at the damage from the December 23, 2022 rain and wind storm. It was decided to temporarily barricade the part of the drive that is a danger to vehicles. We are invited to the January 16, 2023 Lamoine Parks Commission meeting at 6 PM at the Town Hall to discuss further restoration work that needs to be done. If you cannot attend the meeting please pass on ideas to Larissa.
- 4. Request for tree identification guest speaker event: We discussed a number of places that might be good for the tree identification walk, but most of them do not have the tree diversity that Simon Trail has. Larissa will email Michael Jensen, Maine Forest Service, and ask if he has ideas about where we can have the tree walk and what time of year is best to schedule the walk.
- 5. National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge: There is a basket of milkweed seeds with directions about how to plant them on the bench at the Town Hall. A note is posted on the Lamoine Facebook page telling folks about the projects. Larissa and Madison met with Tiara Woods, Lamoine Consolidated School science teacher, to discuss what activities she will do with her students. Tiara does a pollinator unit in the spring. She is planning a birds and pollinators festival at the school in the spring. Larissa and Madison will sell milkweed seedlings at the birds and pollinators festival. Lamoine Consolidated School students will make signs for the milkweed patches at the school, Town Hall, and the transfer station. Madison will show the students at the school how to plant seeds in milk jugs and place them outside in the next few weeks; she will



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also take the lead on creating two pollinator garden beds at the school. There will be a Zoom meeting on February 1, 2023 with all who said they are interested in volunteering on the project. Around 20 people are interested. We voted to reimburse Madison \$118.85 for soil and garden trays she purchased. We should get some money back from the sale of milkweed seedlings at the birds and pollinators fair.

- 6. Larissa prepared the annual report for the Town Meeting. Last year we participated in No Mow May and we will discuss at the February meeting if we want to participate this year.
- 7. We approved the <u>minutes of the December 31, 2022</u> emergency meeting of the Lamoine Parks Commission and the Lamoine Conservation Commission.
- 8. We discussed the fact that Electronics End, who used to partner with us on electronics recycling, went out of business. Larissa will look into what is available in our area.

#### **Motions and Outcomes:**

- 1. The minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.
- 2. We voted to reimburse Madison \$118.85 for materials she purchased to grow milkweed seedlings.
- 3. The minutes of the December 31, 2023 emergency meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes taken by Linda Penkalski and approved on