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Lamoine Conservation Commission-March Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2023

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

Members Absent: Madison Jones

Alternate Member Present: Mike Jordan

Alternate Member Absent: Joanna Sands

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

Topics discussed:

1. Approval of the February 8, 2023 minutes.

2. Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant update:

There was one bidder with two proposals for the solar part of the grant. That bidder is Revision Energy. Larissa and Stu Marcoon will be speaking tomorrow with representatives from Revision about the pros and cons of each option. There were three bidders for the heat pumps and the Select Board approved the one from Dave's World. Quarterly reports have to be written to fulfill the grant requirements and Larissa will submit one in April.

3. Request that the Conservation Commission thank Frenchman Bay Conservancy for purchase of Bar Harbor Golf Course on behalf of the town: The Select Board discussed this and asked the Conservation Commission to take the lead. After much discussion the consensus was to not pursue this.

4. GET WET!: Linda has a list of volunteers for the May 2, 2023 water testing and she is waiting a few more to respond. She sent a list of chemicals needed for next school year's testing to Dawn McPhail, Lamoine School Principal, and they will put in an order. She is still looking at science supply houses for small bottles for the solutions to speed up the testing.

5. **Tree identification guest speaker event:** Larissa emailed Michael Jensen, Maine Forest Service, and the adult tree walk will be on the Simon Trail this summer. Larissa contacted Iris Simon to tell her that Mike Jensen said that he can do the walk on the Simon Trail even with a large group of people. Larissa will alert the Maine Woodland Owners about the tree walk.
6. **National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge:** Madison arranged for a donation of top soil from McMullen for the school's pollinators garden. The pollinators festival will be either late May or early June at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Madison is coordinating with Tiara Woods, school teacher. We looked at the maps of proposed pollinators' gardens at the transfer station and the Lamoine Town Hall. Mike Jordan will talk with the Code Enforcement Officer as to whether the proposed garden at the Lamoine Town Hall is over the leach field. The plan for the transfer station looks good. We voted and approved \$100 for Larissa to purchase garden plant labels, soil for milk weed seedlings, etc.
7. **No Mow May:** Larissa will draft a message and bring it to the April meeting for our approval. The message can then be placed on the Town Facebook page and go out in a press release.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. The [minutes of the February 8, 2023](#) meeting were approved as distributed.
2. We voted to approve \$100 for Larissa to purchase garden plant labels, soil for milk weed seedlings, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Minutes taken by Linda Penkalski and approved on

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