



Lamoine Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2023

Members Present: Larissa Thomas, chair; Linda Penkalski, Madison Jones

Members Absent: Jack Robichaud, Kerry Diskin,

Alternate Members Present: Mike Jordan

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Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Chairwoman Thomas at 7:02 PM.

Topics discussed:

1. **Approval of the [March 8, 2023 minutes](#).**
2. **Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant update:** Dave's World is moving forward in the heat pumps. The fire station and the town hall will have them installed first. The Lamoine school will have theirs installed during the summer when the kids finish school for the year. The first invoice has been paid to Dave's World. The first progress report for the grant project has been sent to the state. For the solar component of the project, which will involved a Power Purchase Agreement set up through Revision Energy, the Select Board voted to move forward with the contract option offering better rates and a penalty if the panels aren't purchased. The Select Board also voted to pursue the larger project design option involving two solar arrays—one each on the salt/sand shed and school. Implementation of the solar project is contingent on Versant approving the interconnection application, the process for which is being initiated by Revision Energy. The town will start setting aside money for the next six years to pay for the solar panels when we have the option to do so. The earliest date for the solar installation would be next year.
3. **GETWET:** The order for supplies for next year has been sent to Dawn McPhail. **LCC approved reimbursement of Linda Penkalski for bottles.** Linda discussed the availability of volunteers for the May 2nd, 2023 GETWET event, which will have the largest class size to date.
4. **Request for tree identification guest speaker event:** Larissa has been corresponding with Iris Simon since the event will be held at the Simon Trail, and guest speaker Michael Jensen, Maine Forest Service, regarding tentative time frame. It looks like the event will be in the last two weeks in June, but a date hasn't been settled on yet.
5. **No Mow May Facebook Post** – LCC members looked over Larissa's Facebook post draft and offered suggestions to improve it.

6. **National Wildlife Federation’s Mayors’ Monarch Pledge:** Larissa will draft thank you letters to McMullen, Home Depot, Viking Lumber, and Hilts Landscaping for donations. Madison provided an update on the gardens to be created at the school and Tiara Woods’ Nature Night Event on June 1 (rain date June 5). Larissa discussed the new garden area to be created at the town hall. A press release will be drafted after garden work is underway.
7. **Other topics discussed** – Possible land purchase by the town from Skip Smith. The Select Board approved communication with Skip about potentially purchasing 37 acres near the transfer station.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. The [minutes of the March 8, 2023](#) meeting were approved as distributed.
2. We voted to reimburse Linda for materials she will purchase for GETWET.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes taken by Madison Jones and approved on

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