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## Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2023

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

**Alternate Member Present:** Mike Jordan, Joanna Sands

**Guest:** Terre Lefferts

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

### Topics discussed:

1. Approval of the [April 12, 2023 minutes](#).

2. **Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant update:** After electrical work is done at the Town Hall the heat pumps will be installed. After they are done at the Town Hall the heat pumps will be installed at the Lamoine Fire Station. The heat pumps will be installed at the Lamoine Consolidated School during the summer when school is not in session. Larissa provided the grant coordinator an update about the solar part of the project, explaining that the interconnection application is being prepared and should be submitted soon. If Versant approves the interconnection application, it would likely be next year before the installation could commence, given Revision's backlog of work. The grant team may visit Lamoine during the heat pump installation at the school.

3. **GET WET!:** GET WET! took place at the Lamoine Consolidated School on Tuesday, May 2nd. The students were engaged and the testing was a success. Thanks to the volunteers and the school staff. Kerry will add the data to the past testing results. Linda will send Larissa data points so she can write an article for the July Lamoine Quarterly. Linda contacted Iris Simon to schedule the Simon Trail Tree Walk for Monday, September 19th, and she will contact Tiara Woods to reserve this date.

4. **Tree identification guest speaker event:** Michael Jensen, Maine Forest Service, will lead the tree identification walk at the Simon Trail on Wednesday, June 28th, at 9 AM. Larissa will write a press release. Iris needs help with a tree removal at the entrance to the trail. Let Larissa know if you can help.

5. **No Mow May Facebook messaging:** There has been a good response to the weekly No Mow May messages.

6. **Mayors' Monarch Pledge projects:** Nature Night will take place at the Lamoine Consolidated School from 5-6:30 PM on June 1st with a rain date of June 5th. The LCC will have a table with information about No Mow May and the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. The unveiling of the signs for the school pollinator garden will take place that night. We have received our donations and the loam for the school garden will be delivered either May 19th or 20th. The two front gardens at the Lamoine Town Hall will have native perennials and some annuals for the first year. Common Milkweed will be planted along the tree lines. On May 20th there will be a work day to move the plants that are presently in the front beds and prepare the beds for the new native plants. We approved \$40 for Larissa to purchase annual plants. The decision as to where to plant the pollinator garden at the transfer station has not been finalized.

7. **Possible town land purchase:** There will be a special Town Meeting at the Lamoine Consolidated School on May 24th at 6 PM to vote on the purchase of the 37 acre property near the transfer station.

**Motions and Outcomes:**

1. The [minutes of the April 12, 2023](#) meeting were approved as distributed.
2. We voted to approve \$40 for Larissa to purchase annual plants for the Lamoine Town Hall front beds.