



Lamoine Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2023

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

Alternate Member Present: Mike Jordan

Alternate Member Absent: Joanna Sands

Guest: Terre Lefferts, Jonny Brown and Sabrina Jordan

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

Topics discussed:

1. Approval of the [August 23, 2023 minutes](#).
2. **Vacancy on the Lamoine Conservation Commission:** Larissa had brought to the Select Board, as discussed at our August 23rd meeting, that the vacancy might be shared by Jonny Brown in the summer and Sabrina Jordan in the winter. The position is defined as being occupied by one person. The LCC moved to recommend to the Select Board that Jonny Brown become a full member and that Sabrina Jordan will be an Associate Member in the winter.
3. **Simon Trail adult tree identification walk on September 6, 2023:** Twenty people attended the walk as presented by Michael Jensen, Maine Forest Service. Everyone concluded that we learned so much from him and he is a dynamic presenter.
4. **Guest Speaker Events:** Jonny will contact a person who could possibly give a presentation on rockweed in early spring, 2024. We will talk about this further at the October 11, 2023 meeting. Linda will contact a person who is knowledgeable about pollinator plants for a presentation in late March or early April, before the planting season commences.
5. **Blunts Pond GET WET!:** On September 11th the sixth grade students from the Lamoine Consolidated School and their teacher, Tiara Woods, met at Blunts Pond with volunteers Jeff Cosulich, Sally Smith, Lisa Mechaley and Linda Penkalski to test Blunts Pond water samples. On September 12th the students performed two additional tests at the school with volunteers Diane Nicholls, Claire Bennett and Linda Penkalski. The students were fully engaged and it was wonderful to have additional volunteers to help with the testing.

6. Simon Trail Tree Identification Walk: The tree walk is scheduled for Monday, September 18th, with a rain date of Monday, September 25th. There are 14 students and we have many volunteers to help.

7. Coast Week Shoreline Cleanup: At 11 AM on Saturday, September 23rd, Jeff Cosulich will lead a group at the Jordan Shores Subdivision off Douglas Highway to clean up that section of the Jordan River. Larissa and Jonny Brown have already done a clean up by Partridge Cove. There has been a call for folks to do individual clean ups and to send their data to Larissa to collate and send the data to the DMR, Department of Marine Services.

8. Update on Mayor's Monarch Pledge: The gardens are looking great. We commented on the mammoth sunflower at the Town Hall. The deer are eating some plants and it was recommended that butterfly bush might be planted as deer don't eat them. Next year the gardens should look even better.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. The [minutes of the August 23, 2023](#) meeting were approved as distributed.
2. We moved to recommend to the Select Board Jonny Brown as a new member and Sabrina Jordan as an associate member of the LCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Minutes taken by Linda Penkalski and approved on

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