



Lamoine Conservation Commission

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Minutes - January 10, 2024

Members Present: Larissa Thomas, chair; Linda Penkalski, Claire Bennett, Madison Jones, Sabrina Jordan, Joanna Sands

Alternate Members Present: Mike Jordan

Started meeting at 7:01 pm

Approved November 8th, 2023 meeting minutes (Linda made motion; Claire seconded, and all voted in favor.)

No meeting minutes from December 13, 2023, due to public meeting for Community Action Grant public workshop

1 - Earth day event proposed by Fred Stocking and Gordon Donaldson, hosting a public discussion. They are inviting the Conservation Commission along with A Climate to Thrive from MDI. The event is planned for Earth Day, Monday April 22, 2024, and time of event is to be determined.

2 - Guest speakers upcoming, Hannah Webber about rockweed and Laura Landers about pollinators. Linda will reach out to Laura to confirm dates. A few townspeople have been reaching out with questions for the Conservation Commission about rockweed.

3 - December meeting was a public discussion with the town people to get ideas on the new proposal application for a second Community Action Grant application. The final report for the previous grant was sent in along with photos of the new heat pumps around town. The idea that received consensus support was a proposal to hire an energy consultant to do energy audits on the town's buildings (School, Town hall, Firehouse) and then see which buildings need additional insulation, sealing of air leaks, or other improvements to help save energy and be more efficient. The Conservation Commission voted to move forward with that project idea (Joanna made motion; Sabrina seconded, and all voted in favor). The grant application is due in July. What needs to happen before time is to contact local energy audit companies for rough cost estimates. The Conservation Commission also needs to reenroll in the Community Resilience Partnership. Larissa noted that Claire had some edits to the draft version of the reenrollment submittal and asked if there were any other suggested changes. There were none. The Conservation Commission voted to forward the reenrollment materials to the Select Board for their approval (Claire made motion; Madison seconded, and all voted in favor).

4 – Larissa took the remaining seeds away from the town hall. Larissa is planning on starting some seedlings to sell (possibly at the Earth Day event), and gave the rest to Tiara Woods who will start seedlings with her class.

Other - Linda will reach out to Tiara about setting the date for GETWET in May.

Adjourned at 7:29 pm

Minutes taken by Madison Jones and approved on _____.