



Lamoine Conservation Commission

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Minutes – March 6, 2024

Meeting – March 6, 2024

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

Alternate Members Present: Mike Jordan, Joanna Sands

Started meeting at 7:03 pm

Approved [February 14, 2023 meeting minutes](#) (Sabrina made motion; Madison seconded, and all voted in favor.)

1. Shoreline issues: Following a request by a Lamoine resident regarding the possibility of having someone from the Maine DEP come speak on shoreline issues, Larissa reached out to the Bangor DEP office. So far she has not heard back, but she will reach out again.
2. April 10 Guest speaker event: Lauren Landers will give a public talk on pollinators and pollinator gardens at 7 PM on April 10, 2024. Larissa will contact various news outlets to advertise the program, including WERU, Maine Public, and Ellsworth American. The Lamoine School has been reserved for this event. All agreed that the flyer Larissa shared with us is nicely done. It was decided that we will not have refreshments. Conservation Commission members should arrive a half hour early to set up. We will give Lauren a Conservation Commission mug as a thank you gift.
3. Earth Day: Plans for an Earth day event are still in progress.
4. Get Wet! Planning: Linda has reached out to last year's volunteers for help with this year's GetWet! event. She has 4 volunteers as of tonight's meeting. Volunteers will meet at Lamoine School on Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 8:00 AM. Testing will start at 8:30 AM.
5. Community Action Grant, Community Resilience Partnership: For the new grant application, Claire and Larissa are still gathering information from companies to help estimate the cost for the energy audit portion of the project. There is nothing new to report on the previous grant project; the solar panels are still projected to be installed in June.
6. Recycling: The waste to energy incinerator formerly known as PERC, purchased by a company now known as EPEC, will not actually be online for roughly a year. Larissa presented this new information because during the previous discussion of recycling and solid waste in February, she had noted an earlier estimate that the incinerator would be operation in the near term. There was also discussion of what ecomaine is able to recycle. Larissa wanted to share the information about the waste to energy incinerator in

advance of the Open Town Meeting when citizens will have opportunity to vote on whether to continue contracting with ecomaine for recycling.

7. Brown Tail Moths: New information received from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry about the detection of moderate to high populations of browntail moths in Lamoine prompted discussion of the locations of browntail moth infestation in town, best practices for extermination, and whether the Conservation Commission should take any additional measures in relation to the pest. The Conservation Commission created a browntail moth task force in 2021 to address the newly emergent problem, and at that time members removed webs along Seal Point Road and Fox Run. The Commission agreed that there is no need to take further actions at this time.

8. Meeting Minutes: Larissa will create a schedule of minute takers for the coming year.

Adjourned at 7:27 pm
Minutes taken by Joanna Sands and approved on
