



Lamoine Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2024

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

Alternate Members Present: Mike Jordan, Joanna Sands

Meeting was convened at the Lamoine Town Hall by Chairwoman Thomas at 7:01 PM.

Topics discussed:

- 1. Approval of the [January 10, 2024 minutes](#).**
- 2. Mayors' Monarch Pledge:** Barbara Acosta from Trenton contacted Larissa to see if we can work together on some projects in the future, or at least advertise relevant events among our networks to increase the visibility and participation. Trenton has a butterfly garden. We agreed that this is a good idea.
- 3. Request for shoreline erosion talk:** A member of the community requested the LCC host an expert to talk about shoreline erosion after the damage from December, 2023 and January, 2024 storms. Larissa will contact the Maine DEP, Department of Environmental Protection, about a possible speaker for a fall, 2024 public talk.
- 4. Guest Speaker Events:** Jonny Brown contacted Hannah Webber from the Schoodic Institute and she will give a public talk on rockweed on June 5, 2024. Linda has contacted Lauren Landers about a public talk on April 10, 2024 at 7 PM on pollinators and pollinator gardens. Lauren will give Linda a title for the talk, a short description and a biography for her introduction the night of the talk. Larissa reserved the Lamoine School gym for both nights.
- 5. GET WET! planning:** On Monday, May 13, 2024, at 1 PM Linda will give the powerpoint presentation to the Lamoine Consolidated School 5th and 6th grade students. On Tuesday, May 14, 2024 the GET WET! testing will take place. Volunteers will get to the school at 8 AM and the testing will start at 8:30 AM. Linda will email the volunteers to alert them to the schedule.
- 6. Community Resilience Partnership, Community Action Grant:** The solar panels will be installed in June as part of the original grant. The new grant is due July, 2024. Claire has been helping Larissa contact some people for ballpark estimates about the energy audits of the school, Town Hall and firehouse. Claire and Linda will help proofread the new grant application after Larissa completes it.

7. Recycling-upcoming decision at Open Town Meeting: Lamoine's contract with ecomaine has existed since 2018. The biggest expense is transportation of the recycled materials to Portland. In 2018 the cost to Lamoine was \$27,362 and in 2021 the cost was \$50,414. The Select Board decided not to recommend funding to send recyclables to ecomaine due to the rising cost. The citizens of Lamoine will vote on this issue at the Town Meeting on March 13, 2024.

8. March Lamoine Conservation Commission Meeting: Due to a conflict with the Town Meeting on March 13, 2024, Larissa will get back to us about the LCC meeting March 6, 2024.

Motions and Outcomes:

1. The [minutes of the January 10, 2023](#) meeting were approved as distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes taken by Linda Penkalski and approved on _____.