



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – January 2, 2020

Chair Robert Christie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Robert Christie, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Kathleen Rybarz, Gary McFarland; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, and Mark Harris

(Note – the meeting's live-stream started a few minutes late due to a programming error)

Agenda – No change was proposed to the printed agenda.

Minutes – December 19, 2019 – Kathleen moved to approve as presented. Gary 2nd.
Vote in favor was 4-0 (Mason abstained)

Expenditure Warrant 15 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$127,595.23. Nathan asked about the outcome of a cat boarding bill. Stu said the cat was sent to Pope Memorial in Thomaston.

Cash & Budget Report – Stu said the report shows an over-expenditure of the Lamoine 150! Account, but it doesn't take into account the amounts on hand from previous fiscal years. Bob asked how much longer the rescue boat payments will last. Stu said they will end in June.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Stu reported he'd sent the reconciliation by e-mail earlier in the day and printed the quick report for tonight's materials. Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with their review.

Foreclosures – Stu reported the list of impending automatic foreclosures was included with the packets. He said all of the properties on the list have experienced the notices before. He said the property on Buttermilk Road that is part of an installment agreement remains in arrears. He said he would try to contact the occupant's sister again.

Town Meeting 2020 – Stu reported the only people who have taken out nomination papers are the current office holders. He said the deadline to return is tomorrow. It was noted that the municipal election coincides with the presidential primary election. A brief discussion followed.

Draft Warrant – Selectmen reviewed the draft town meeting warrant for March 3 and 18, 2020. It was noted that the Comprehensive Plan update and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance amendments are near the top of the meeting.

Citizen of the Year – Selectmen submitted a couple of suggestions on written paper for the Citizen of the Year award. No selection was made at this time.

It was noted that the amount of social service requests was down. Stu said some agencies did not submit requests.

Kathleen asked about the property donation around Blunt's Pond. Stu reported he'd heard earlier in the day from the Frenchman Bay Conservancy and they hope to close later this month.

Jo said the Lamoine 150! Re-enactment of the first town meeting should be done before the regular meeting starts at 6PM if they get going at 5:30 PM.

Town Report – Printer – Stu said Xpress Copy has printed the report for several years at a reasonable cost and they look great. There was no objection to continuing to use them if the cost is comparable.

Cover – Selectmen reviewed the proposed cover and suggested inserting the Lamoine 150 Logo with the cupola picture.

Selectmen's Report – Selectmen reviewed the draft of their report.

Dedications – Stu reported there were 4 people who passed away during the year who had contributed greatly to the town's government. There was a brief discussion about those people.

Lamoine Quarterly – Stu said he hopes to have the quarterly done up before the next week is out. He said he would e-mail the draft for review.

Board of Appeals – Stu said the Appeals Board will meet on the latest filing on January 22, 2019 and on the agenda is discussion on whether to ask for legal assistance. He said there was no action for the Selectmen to take.

Lamoine 150! – Jo said a cribbage festival is set for January 12, 2020. There was a brief discussion about the event, which Stu said he is very much looking forward to.

Jo said on January 15th, there will be a program on Lamoine's Neighborhoods. Stu said he would try to find someone to record that.

It was noted that on February 11, an event called a Day in the Life of Lamoine will take place with people encouraged to take photos. A birthday party is planned for March 1st at the school, complete with ice cream. The first town meeting re-enactment will take place at the annual town meeting beginning at 5:30 PM.

Jo said the Committee will meet next Thursday at 4PM and work on the parade.

Other – Joint Meeting – Nathan said it's time to get the School Committee, Community Center Feasibility Study Committee and Selectmen together for a joint meeting soon. Stu said the Community Center group meets on Tuesday. A brief discussion followed.

Town Hall Foundation/Site- Bob said he would be interested in talking about the property abutting the town hall and the foundation project.

Shellfish Enforcement – Stu reported Dick Fennelly would attend the January 16, 2020 meeting to provide an update on the Shellfishing enforcement situation.

Blunt's Pond Property Donation – Stu said he'd just received an update referred to earlier in the meeting regarding the land donation adjacent to Blunt's Pond.

Solar – Stu said he expects that the weekly conference call would resume on Monday after taking a break for the holidays. He noted that a gentleman from SunPower was up in December to look over the area with the Planning Board chair and to discuss the permitting process and he planned to meet with Steve Salsbury who is representing Doug Gott & Sons for a possible larger scale project.

Cable TV – Stu said he'd put an update from Brian Lippold in the material for tonight giving an update CTV expansion project.

Next Meeting – The board will meet next on January 16, 2020.

Department Head Meeting – Kathleen said it's probably time to hold a department head meeting, possibly in April or May.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen